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<b>Activity: Lulworth Cove, Stair Hole and Durdle Door and Man O War</b>			
<b>Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould &amp; Amelia Gibson</b>			<b>Date: January 2024</b> <b>Review: January 2025</b>
<b>See General Off-Site Risk Assessment</b>			
1	<b>Remote location</b>	Illness / accident in a remote location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leader must be familiar with nature of the area under the prevailing conditions and choose working areas and activities appropriate to the conditions and group</li> </ul>
2	<b>Traffic</b>	Traffic in car parks and roads around Lulworth/ Durdle Door.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief group members about the traffic in Car Parks.</li> <li>Adult to accompany group / individuals across car park to toilets and to Heritage Centre.</li> <li>Staff to wear reflective waistcoats if necessary.</li> </ul>
3	<b>Exposure</b>	Inadequate clothing for conditions There is NO SHELTER in the area, especially at the view point overlooking Stair Hole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained.</li> <li>Carry group shelter / emergency bag / sun cream / spare waterproofs and layers as appropriate</li> <li>Be prepared to change plans if area chosen is exposed to the wind / weather.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Cliff edges / bases</b>	Cliff edges with long drop, loose rock in cliffs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief all group members to be aware of cliff edges and to keep away from tops and bases of cliffs. Some of the cliff edges are unfenced, especially on the path down to Durdle Door</li> <li>Leader must be in front at all times and all other adult helpers must remain vigilant AT ALL TIMES</li> <li>Do not park close to the edge of car park at Durdle Door</li> </ul>
5	<b>Adders</b>	Chalk downland between Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door – good Adder habitat Adder found on beach at Man-O-War cove in April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils beforehand about snakes – not to approach or pick up any seen</li> </ul>
6	<b>Sea</b>	Sea – <b>especially at Durdle Door Bay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check tide tables and weather forecast beforehand.</li> <li>Carry throwline and have it to hand at all times.</li> <li>Spend 5 minutes watching and checking wave conditions before allowing group to work close to the sea.</li> <li>At no point should students enter the sea.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Paths</b>	Paths down to Durdle Door and especially the steps down to Durdle Door bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very steep and loose conditions underfoot, very narrow steps</li> <li>Brief pupils carefully and supervise closely- No running.</li> <li>Check pupils have suitable footwear</li> </ul>
8	<b>Lost pupils</b>	Pupils getting mixed up with other school parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are often many groups using Lulworth and Durdle – brief pupils and supervise / count regularly</li> </ul>
9	<b>Army Ranges</b>	Small risk of bullets / shells etc on beach in Lulworth Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils not to pick up any suspicious metal objects on the beach</li> </ul>

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<b>Emergency</b>		<b>See General Off-Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedures</b> Limited mobile phone reception in the area. Heritage Centre and Durdle Door Camp Site office are nearest points of help. <b>Police/Ambulance/Coastguard – 999 or 112</b>	<b>Leeson House – 01929 422126</b>