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Activity: A Level Geography Poundbury			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Matt Smith, Mike Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2023 Review: January 2024
See General Off-Site Risk Assessment			
1	Weather / Exposure	Sun burn/stroke/hyperthermia Wet/cold/hypothermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained. • Brief pupils beforehand regarding appropriate clothing and / or sun protection • Remind students to drink plenty of water. Consider carrying extra water if the conditions dictate. • Carry KISU / sun cream / spare waterproofs and layers as appropriate
2	Slips, trips and falls	Inadequate clothing and footwear for conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief pupils to take care descending paths especially where loose gravel and stones are present • Make sure that students are wearing footwear appropriate for location and conditions, e.g., not sliders or sandals/flip flops.
3	Traffic in car parks and on roads. Road crossings.	Traffic in car park areas and on roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief group members about the traffic in car parks and on roads • Brief group on how to cross roads appropriately. • The seafront area around the pier and the Precinct can both have traffic going along them, even though they are pedestrianised areas
4	Members of general public / Abduction / Getting lost	The locations can be busy, and it may be difficult to keep close watch on a group of students. Being polite and courteous if interacting with members of the public. Nature of the area means that there is likely to be members of the public with drink and drug problems in the area. The area has many residential streets and walk throughs meaning that it can be easy to get disorientated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief pupils to remain in groups at all times, ensure each group has mobile phone. • Groups to be given a Leeson House phone number in case of emergency and / or a school staff contact number. • Give clear instructions as to meeting points and times. Make sure that groups know where the emergency meeting point is. • Remind groups to be polite and courteous at all times in the locations, especially important if groups are doing questionnaires or surveys. • Leeson House staff to have had training on de-escalation.
5	Ongoing building work	Poundbury, in some locations is still an active building site (currently areas North of Queen Mother's Square)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students to be briefed on locations that they are not allowed to visit because of building work. • Students not to go beyond building work boundaries, e.g. signage and fencing
Emergency		Good mobile phone reception in the area. Emergency meeting point is at Queen Mother's Square Emergency Services – 999 or 112 Leeson House – 01929 422126	

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