

Please note that this risk assessment applies to the activity at the date of writing and under the prevailing weather conditions at this time. Please discuss any possible changes to this assessment with Leeson staff before undertaking this activity.

Activity: Priests Way and associated paths			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding		Date: January 2020 Review: January 2021	
See General Off-Site Risk Assessment			
1	Deep mud / animal manure	Group leader unfamiliar with route or not having up to date information about potential hazards and their location. Inappropriate footwear for deep, slippery conditions underfoot. Priests Way can be, slippery, loose and/or very muddy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that pupils are properly briefed to avoid these hazards. • Ensure that a member of staff is at the front of the group at all times. Ensure that the group leader is familiar with the route and has up to date knowledge of the location of any potential hazards. • Assess conditions underfoot beforehand and ensure pupils and staff are adequately equipped. • Group leader must have up to date knowledge of optional routes if needed. • Ensure pupils wash their hands after a walk.
2	Quarry and farm vehicles	Group leader unfamiliar with route or not having up to date information about potential hazards and their location. Quarry vehicles use the Priests Way near Acton. Farm vehicles can use the whole track. The track is narrow with high walls and hedges and so difficult to pass in places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that a member of staff is at the front of the group at all times. • Ensure that the group leader is familiar with the route and has up to date knowledge of the location of any potential hazards. • Wear reflective waistcoat if appropriate
3	Horses	Horses can be encountered in the fields at the western end of the Priests Way - they can bite rucksacks and kick excitedly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that a member of staff is at the front of the group at all times. • Ensure that the group leader is familiar with the route and has up to date knowledge of the location of any potential hazards. • Clear briefing given to pupils on behaviour and care needed. Members of staff positioned at front, within and at rear of group.
4	Remote from help and phones		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry mobile phones and be aware of limited coverage in this area. Better signal once you move towards main road and Langton
Emergency		See General Off-Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedure A telephone can be found in Worth Matravers and at Grid Refs 001788 In Langton Matravers and 99878 by Acton bus stop. Also in Swanage. Please note that the signal for mobile phones can be very restricted on the Priests Way. Good escape routes along the Priests Way, - Swanage, Acton, Worth Police/Ambulance/Coastguard – 999 or 112 Leeson House – 01929 422126	