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Activity: Studland Beach and Dunes / Redend Point and South Beach			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2020 Review: January 2021
See General Off-Site Risk Assessment			
1	Indecent Exposure by members of the public	Members of the public / naturist Members of the public, very busy beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow separate guidelines regarding cases of indecent exposure.
2	Exposure to sun / wind / cold	Lack of shelter on beach and in dunes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check weather forecast beforehand and ensure that appropriate equipment and clothing is carried. Sun cream and appropriate clothing required
3	Lost pupils/Abduction	Members of the public, very busy beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the group is closely monitored on the beach and in the dunes. The beach can be very busy with both holidaymakers and other school parties. Staff to supervise on the beach, define area for children to play, keep all children within sight at all times, have a whistle to call children back, phone beach warden or police if staff notice anything suspicious.
4	Adders & Plants	Some poisonous plants and animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils re Adders and Fungi
5	Horses	Horse Riders on beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure an adult is at the front of the group at all times.
6	Bog pools	Deep bog pools, steep/overhanging edges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid the edges of bog pools and bomb craters wherever possible
7	The Sea	Paddling, swimming, freak waves and wash from ferries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pupils should paddle or swim in the sea unless accompanied by a qualified lifeguard. A throw line should be carried when working on the shoreline.
8	Equipment	Injury to pupils / members of the public, damage to environment through inappropriate route / behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief all pupils on the safe method of carrying ranging poles, quadrats etc. Make sure that tapes crossing paths are clearly marked and that soil test kits are carefully used in the reserve.
9	Damage to the Dune Environment	Injury to pupils / members of the public, damage to environment through inappropriate route / behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit soil sampling. Stay on pre-existing paths whenever possible. Stress the vulnerability of the sand dune ecosystem to all pupils.
10	Dog mess on beach and in dunes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check area beforehand. Carry baby wipes in rucksack.
11	Red End Point - cliffs and rock pools	Loose crumbling cliffs and slippery rocks - route only accessible at low tide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to stay away from cliff base - check tides before planning to walk past RedEnd point on the rocks, take great care on slippery rocks
12	Ordnance	Live ammunition was used here for training purposes during WW2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave any suspicious items alone, note its position and report to the beach warden or police as soon as possible

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13	Ticks	Ticks from heathland/grass. Potentially leading to Lyme disease and encephalitis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils and staff on procedure for checking for ticks and advise to wear long sleeved trousers and t-shirts REFER TO SEPARATE GUIDELINES FOR LYME DISEASE AND ENCEPHALITIS Seek adult advice/help or advice on how to remove them (depending on pupils age)
Emergency		<p>Swanage Police Station number is 01929 422004 or 999 / 112 National Trust Office at Studland 01929 450259 Beach Warden call point is at the Knoll Beach Café and Visitor Centre. Beach Warden Mobile = 07970 595963 – check with Leeson staff for latest update on this number Toilets, phones and first aid are available at Knoll Beach Visitor Centre and at Middle Beach. Leeson House 01929 422126 Emergency Services – 999 or 112</p>	
See also the guidelines for incidents of indecent exposure.			