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<b>Activity: Studland Beach and Dunes / Redend Point and South Beach</b>			
<b>Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Matt Smith</b>			<b>Date: January 2024</b> <b>Review: January 2025</b>
1	<b>Remote locations</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> <li>See SAGE guidance and 'Environment and Staffing'</li> </ul>
2	<b>Weather / Exposure</b>	Sun burn/stroke/hyperthermia Wet/cold/hypothermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained.</li> <li>Brief pupils beforehand regarding appropriate clothing and / or sun protection</li> <li>Remind students to drink plenty of water. Consider carrying extra water if the conditions dictate.</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 overly exposed to the wind / weather.</li> </ul>
3	<b>Slips, trips and falls</b>	Inadequate clothing and footwear for conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to take care descending paths especially where loose gravel and stones are present</li> <li>Make sure that students are wearing footwear appropriate for location and conditions, e.g., not sliders or sandals/flip flops.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Traffic in car parks and on roads. Road crossings.</b>	Traffic in car park areas and on roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief group members about the traffic in car parks and on roads</li> <li>Brief group on how to cross roads appropriately.</li> </ul>
5	<b>Members of general public / Abduction / Getting lost</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to remain in groups at all times, ensure each group has mobile phone.</li> <li>Groups to be given a Leeson House phone number in case of emergency and / or a school staff contact number.</li> <li>Give clear instructions as to meeting points and times. Make sure that groups know where the emergency meeting point is.</li> <li>Remind groups to be polite and courteous at all times in the locations, especially important if groups are doing questionnaires or surveys.</li> <li>Leeson House staff to have had training on de-escalation.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Sea, risk of drowning, submersion and hypothermia</b>	Fieldwork takes place near to or next to the sea.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief all group members to stay at safe distance from the sea <b>AT ALL TIMES.</b></li> <li>Tides – check tides are suitable</li> <li>Carry throwlines(s) and be practiced in how to use them</li> <li>Watch the waves for at least 5 minutes before starting work on the beach to ascertain a safe distance to work on the beach</li> <li>Brief all group members to stay at safe distance from the sea AT ALL TIMES when working at the study locations,</li> </ul>
7	<b>Equipment</b>	Ranging poles / tapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to carry and use equipment safely</li> </ul>

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8	<b>Beaches</b>	Glass / other sharp objects / rubbish from sea / dog mess / possible Man o'War jellyfish (siphonophore)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to take care and be aware of beach surface</li> <li>Do not pick up any rubbish from the beach</li> </ul>
9	<b>Indecent Exposure by members of the public</b>	Studland beach has a naturist area around halfway up Knoll Beach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow separate guidelines regarding cases of indecent exposure.</li> <li>Groups not to enter the naturist zone.</li> </ul>
10	<b>Adders, Ticks &amp; Plants</b>	Some poisonous plants and venomous animals Tick Bites / LYMES DISEASE/ ENCEPHALITIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils re Adders, Ticks (e.g. Lyme's disease) and Fungi</li> <li>Brief pupils and staff on procedure for checking for ticks and advise to wear long sleeved trousers and t-shirts</li> <li>REFER TO SEPARATE GUIDELINES FOR LYMES DISEASE AND ENCEPHALITIS</li> </ul>
11	<b>Damage to the Dune Environment</b>	Injury to pupils / members of the public, damage to environment through inappropriate route / behaviour Deep bog pools, steep / overhanging edges to some blowouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit soil sampling. Stay on pre-existing paths whenever possible. Stress the vulnerability of the sand dune ecosystem to all pupils.</li> </ul>
12	<b>Ordnance</b>	Live ammunition was used here for training purposes during WW2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leave any suspicious items alone, note its position and report to the beach warden or police as soon as possible</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency</b>		<p><b>Good mobile reception in the area.</b>  <b>Emergency meeting point is Knoll Beach café.</b>  <b>Purbeck National Trust Office at Currendon Farm 01929 450002</b>  <b>Beach Warden call point is at the Knoll Beach Café and Visitor Centre.</b>  <b>Beach Warden Mobile = 07970 595963 – check with Leeson staff for latest update on this number</b>  <b>Toilets, phones and first aid are available at Knoll Beach Visitor Centre and at Middle Beach.</b>  <b>Emergency Services – 999 or 112</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Leeson House – 01929 422126</b></span></p>	

#### GUIDANCE FOR INCIDENTS OF INDECENT EXPOSURE TO SCHOOL PARTIES IN THE SAND DUNES AND ON THE BEACH

Please ensure that all pupils are within sight of a member of staff at all times

Please work south of or alongside the "Sand Dune Trail" and do not work much further north than this. In particular DO NOT work in the Naturist area.

If any members of the public are seen exposing themselves to the pupils then phone immediately:

The National Trust Beach Warden on 07970 595963

If there is no reply to the Beach Warden number then try:

Purbeck National Trust Office at Currendon Farm 01929 450002 (weekday office hours only)

Knoll Beach Visitor Centre 01929 450305 (weekdays and weekends)

Do not hesitate to call Police 999 if the situation does not resolve itself quickly

Please attempt to get a description of the offender, note exactly where the incident occurred and to obtain independent witnesses if possible. The police may ask you to give a formal statement and this information is essential. Please report any incidents to Leeson House staff on return to the centre.