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| <b>Activity: Swanage Beach</b>                                       |                                   |  |   |
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| <b>Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Amelia Gibson</b> |                                   |  | <b>Date: January 2024</b><br><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 in car parks/roads</b> | Traffic in car park and on roads   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief group members about the traffic in Car Parks and about road crossing procedures. Cross at traffic lights where possible.</li> <li>Staff to be at front and rear of group.</li> <li>Staff to wear reflective waistcoats if required.</li> </ul>   |
| 3  | <b>Exposure</b>                   | Inadequate clothing and footwear for conditions<br>There very little shelter in the area | <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</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 allow pupils to attempt to climb on landslide debris</li> </ul>                            |
| 5  | <b>Adders</b>                     | Good habitat during warmer months  | <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- risk of drowning  | <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>No paddling or swimming unless a qualified lifeguard is with the group.</li> </ul> |
| 7  | <b>Paths</b>                      | Paths down to the beach can be slippery  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very steep and loose conditions underfoot, narrow steps</li> <li>Brief pupils carefully and supervise closely</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>Brief pupils and supervise / count regularly</li> </ul>  |
| 9  | <b>Sharp objects</b>              | Glass/rubbish on the beach   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils not to pick up any rubbish/sharp objects</li> </ul>   |
| 10   | <b>Groynes</b>                    | Large drops to one side of groynes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervise students climbing over groynes</li> <li>Try to find easiest route across – usually at top of groyne closest to seawall or cliffs (if safe)</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>Emergency</b> | <b>See General Off-Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedures</b><br><b>Police/Ambulance/Coastguard – 999 or 112</b> <b>Leeson House – 01929 422126</b> |
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