

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: Swanage Beach			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2020 Review: January 2021
See General Off-Site Risk Assessment			
1	Remote location	Illness / accident in a remote location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
2	Traffic in car parks/roads	Traffic in car park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief group members about the traffic in Car Parks.
3	Exposure	Inadequate clothing for conditions There very little shelter in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained. Carry KISU if appropriate Be prepared to change plans if area chosen is exposed to the wind / weather.
4	Cliff edges / bases	Cliff edges with long drop, loose rock in cliffs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief all group members to be aware of cliff edges and to keep away from tops and bases of cliffs Leader must be in front at all times and all other adult helpers must remain vigilant AT ALL TIMES
5	Adders	Good habitat during warmer months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils beforehand about snakes – not to approach or pick up any seen
6	Sea	Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check tide tables and weather forecast beforehand. Carry throwline and have it to hand at all times. Spend 5 minutes watching and checking wave conditions before allowing group to work close to the sea. No paddling or swimming unless a qualified lifeguard is with the group.
7	Paths	Paths down to the beach can be slippery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very steep and loose conditions underfoot, narrow steps Brief pupils carefully and supervise closely Check pupils have suitable footwear
8	Lost pupils	Pupils getting mixed up with other school parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brief pupils and supervise / count regularly
9	Sharp objects	Glass/rubbish on the beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils not to pick up any rubbish/sharp objects
10	Groynes	Large drops to one side of groynes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise students climbing over groynes Try to find easiest route across – usually at top of groyne closest to seawall or cliffs (if safe)
Emergency		See General Off-Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedures	
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