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Activity: Swanage Town Studies and Main beach plus beach north of main beach towards Ballard Down cliffs			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2020 Review: January 2021
See General Off-Site Risk Assessment			
1	Road crossings walking to / from Swanage	Crossing Village road at end of Leeson Driveway and crossing main road at junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to wear reflective waistcoats and for there to be at least 2 members of staff with each group working in Swanage. Cross village road at end of drive. Cross main road at junction, then stay on pavement to beach at end of Victoria Avenue.
2	Narrow pavements	There are many narrow pavements and Swanage can be very busy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to wear reflective waistcoats and for there to be at least 2 members of staff with each group working in Swanage. Cross village road at end of drive. Cross main road at junction, then stay on pavement to beach at end of Victoria Avenue.
3	Pedestrians	Groups of students can block pavements. Residents can resent being interviewed. There are many narrow pavements and Swanage can be very busy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to brief and manage the group / plan activities to minimise the disturbance to local residents at all times Staff to wear reflective waistcoats and for there to be at least 2 members of staff with each group working in Swanage. Cross village road at end of drive. Cross main road at junction, then stay on pavement to beach at end of Victoria Avenue.
4	Traffic	There are many narrow pavements and Swanage can be very busy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to wear reflective waistcoats and for there to be at least 2 members of staff with each group working in Swanage. Cross village road at end of drive. Cross main road at junction, then stay on pavement to beach at end of Victoria Avenue.
5	Abduction / members of the public / exposure on beach by members of the public.	Swanage beach can be extremely busy during the summer months and it is difficult to keep close watch on a group of pupils. REGULAR COUNTING OF PUPILS AND ENSURING THAT A MEMBER OF STAFF IS AT THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE GROUP AT ALL TIMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 police if staff notice anything suspicious. Staff to check area of beach beforehand, especially when playing in sand with hands, keep continual watch on all children whilst on beach.
6	Disturbance to local residents with questionnaires /	Groups of students can block pavements. Residents can resent being interviewed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to brief and manage the group / plan activities to minimise the disturbance to local residents at all times

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	interviews		
7	Sharp objects / dog mess on beach	Glass, rubbish and dog mess on the beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to check area of beach beforehand, especially when playing in sand with hands, keep continual watch on all children whilst on beach.
8	Cliffs north of main beach	Loose cliff material, rock falls, landslides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to be familiar with any recent activity on the cliffs and avoid as appropriate • Brief pupils to keep away from base of cliffs • Do not allow pupils to attempt to climb on landslide debris • Check tides and ensure staff know of the access point at Sheps Hollow
9	Public toilets - location and opening times of	There are very limited public toilets in Swanage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are public toilets on the seafront alongside the tourist information office, at the Railway Station and by the Heritage Centre. For the ones by the Heritage Centre, a fee is payable.
10	Beach / Sea	freak waves, rising tide.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close supervision of pupils on beach – do separate risk assessment for any planned paddling – only allow if qualified lifeguard is present • Staff must carry a throwline and know how to use it
11	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		Swanage Police Station number is 01929 422004. Lost Children Point next to the Tourist Information Centre - open in summer only. Doctors surgery is next to the railway station. Leeson House 01929 422126	Emergency Services – 999 or 112