

Leeson House and Dorset Council's Outdoor Education Service uses the National Guidance from OEAP (www.oeapng.info) and the SAGE framework to determine ratios and effective supervision. Ratios and effective supervision must be discussed during the planning stage with reference to the specific location and activity risk assessments.

Activity: Swanage Town Studies and Main beach plus beach north of main beach towards Ballard Down cliffs

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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. Brief pupils to walk on pavements where available and to stay to one side.
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.
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 / interviews	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

