

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: Swanbrook river study			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2020 Review: January 2021
1	Traffic	Road crossings and walking alongside roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to brief pupils beforehand and supervise accordingly. If required, staff to wear reflective waistcoats
2	River	River banks and sharp objects in river bed Health risks of water and disease (Weils disease)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to brief pupils on approach to river banks • Staff to ensure appropriate footwear is worn when in river • Staff to brief pupils to check for open cuts and if required to cover with plasters / wash hands afterwards • Use alcohol hand gel after every river site • Clean hands after activity – public toilets at King Georges carpark.
3	Engineering works	Slippery metal gratings, steps, walls, railings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to brief pupils to take extra care when working on or near the flood control engineering works • Pupils to wear appropriate footwear
4	Weather	Exposure Heat Exhaustion / sunburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to ensure pupils are adequately equipped for weather conditions • Staff to check river conditions before allowing group near to river. • If too deep/fast flowing – do not use site behind Triangle Garage. Second site at St Georges Playground is better but access for <u>adult only</u> may have to be considered
5	Sea (If visiting this area)	Seafront and Pier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to be aware of state of sea / waves and appropriate distance to work to the sea • Do not allow pupils to climb on the railings at the end of the pier – (if visiting this area)
6	Lost pupils	Swanage seafront can be very busy in the summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to keep group together and regular counts • Brief pupils as to meeting place and time
7	Equipment	River measuring equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tapes, ranging poles, surveying levels etc – brief pupils as to safe ways to carry and use the kit
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. Police/Ambulance/Coastguard – 999 or 112	Leeson House – 01929 422126