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<b>Activity: Swanbrook river study</b>		
<b>Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould &amp; Amelia Gibson</b>		<b>Date: January 2024 Review: January 2025</b>
1	<b>Traffic</b>	Road crossings and walking alongside roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to brief pupils beforehand and supervise accordingly. If required, staff to wear reflective waistcoats. Staff to be at front and rear of group.</li> </ul>
2	<b>River</b>	Deep/ fast flowing water River banks and sharp objects in river bed Health risks of water and disease (Weils disease) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to check river conditions before allowing group near to river.</li> <li>• Staff to brief pupils on approach to river banks and tell them to avoid areas of deep/ very fast flowing water.</li> <li>• <b>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</b></li> <li>• Staff to carry throw line</li> <li>• Staff to ensure appropriate footwear is worn when in river</li> <li>• Staff to brief pupils to check for open cuts and if required to cover with plasters / wash hands afterwards</li> <li>• Use alcohol hand gel after <b>every</b> river site</li> <li>• Clean hands after activity – public toilets at King Georges carpark.</li> </ul>
3	<b>Engineering works</b>	Slippery metal gratings, steps, walls, railings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to brief pupils to take extra care when working on or near the flood control engineering works</li> <li>• Pupils to wear appropriate footwear</li> </ul>
4	<b>Weather</b>	Exposure Heat Exhaustion / sunburn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to ensure pupils are adequately equipped for weather conditions.</li> </ul>
5	<b>Sea (If visiting this area)</b>	Seafront and Pier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to be aware of state of sea / waves and appropriate distance to work to the sea.</li> <li>• Staff to carry throwline and have it to hand at all times.</li> <li>• No paddling or swimming unless a qualified lifeguard is with the group.</li> <li>• Do not allow pupils to climb on the railings at the end of the pier – (if visiting this area)</li> </ul>
6	<b>Lost pupils</b>	Swanage seafront can be very busy in the summer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to keep group together and regular counts</li> <li>• Brief pupils as to meeting place and time</li> </ul>
7	<b>Equipment</b>	River measuring equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tapes, ranging poles, surveying levels etc – brief pupils as to safe ways to carry and use the kit</li> </ul>

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<b>Emergency</b>	Swanage Police Station number is 01929 422004 or 999 / 112 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
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