

## Activity: Corfe Castle Village

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### See General Off – Site Risk Assessment

1	<b>Traffic and road crossings from car parks</b>	<p>Traffic – major risk especially in Summer</p> <p>Children straying off the pavements Not being seen by traffic Drivers choosing to pull out around parked vehicles</p> <p>Traffic on roads, especially blind bend on Church Knowle road at 957822 and Main Road by visitor crossing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff must be at front, within and at rear of group</li> <li>• Children briefed to stay in single file and to be aware of traffic at all times</li> <li>• Staff to lead group and also to be at rear of group.</li> <li>• <b>Staff to wear a reflective waistcoat at all times</b></li> <li>• Be aware of vehicles overtaking parked vehicles</li> <li>• Assist supervising crossing all roads. Use the footpath along the river rather than the pavement alongside the main road.</li> </ul>
2	<b>Parked Cars</b>	<p>Parked vehicles preventing a clear view of the road and oncoming vehicles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children to cross roads under strict supervision by staff</li> <li>• If crossing by parked cars staff MUST ensure that there are no vehicles likely to pull out around a parked vehicle</li> <li>• <b>Staff to wear a reflective waistcoat at all times</b></li> </ul>
3	<b>Steps outside houses and narrow pavements</b>	<p>Pavements are very narrow in places, especially East Street opposite Mortons House Hotel, and some houses have raised steps outside which presents a serious tripping hazard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to lead group at all times</li> <li>• <b>Staff to wear a reflective waistcoat at all times</b></li> </ul>
4	<b>The Square</b>	<p>Traffic and people everywhere – especially when accessing the shops and castle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly brief pupils on how, and where, the group is going to cross the square.</li> <li>• <b>Staff to wear a reflective waistcoat at all times</b></li> </ul>
5	<b>Steep drops from Castle Walls</b>	<p>Steep drops can be hazardous if children are unsupervised, running etc Large drops below walls and viewpoints</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children need to be briefed on appropriate behaviour and closely supervised.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Damage to historical ruins</b>	<p>Climbing on ruins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children need to be briefed on appropriate behaviour and closely supervised.</li> <li>• No climbing is allowed</li> </ul>

<b>Emergency</b>	<p><b>See General Off – Site Risk Assessment</b>  <b>There is a member of National Trust staff in the entrance office whenever the Castle is open.</b>  <b>There is a phone in this office - number is 01929 481294</b>  <b>Mobile Phone coverage is intermittent across the whole area, and poor to non-existent at the base of the Castle and at the Visitor Centre but better in West and East Streets</b>  <b>Leeson House – 01929 422126                      Emergency Services – 999 or 112</b></p>
<p><b>It is important that all groups studying and walking through Corfe respect the privacy of local residents. Please keep the use of questionnaires to a minimum. It is possible that roadworks could affect your route– it is essential that all leaders are aware of the location of these roadworks.</b></p>	