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Activity: Studland Beach and Dunes / Redend Point and South Beach			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2019 Review: January 2020
1	Indecent Exposure by members of the public	Members of the public / naturist Members of the public, very busy beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow separate guidelines regarding cases of indecent exposure.
2	Exposure to sun / wind / cold	Lack of shelter on beach and in dunes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check weather forecast beforehand and ensure that appropriate equipment and clothing is carried. Sun cream and appropriate clothing required
3	Lost pupils/Abduction	Members of the public, very busy beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the group is closely monitored on the beach and in the dunes. The beach can be very busy with both holidaymakers and other school parties. 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 beach warden or police if staff notice anything suspicious.
4	Adders, Ticks & Plants	Some poisonous plants and animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils re Adders, Ticks (e.g. Lyme's disease) and Fungi
6	Horses	Horse Riders on beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure an adult is at the front of the group at all times.
7	Bog pools	Deep bog pools, steep/overhanging edges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid the edges of bog pools and bomb craters wherever possible
8	The Sea	Paddling, swimming, freak waves and wash from ferries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pupils should paddle or swim in the sea unless accompanied by a qualified lifeguard. A throw line should be carried when working on the shoreline. Siphonophore – In the summer of 2017 a number of Portugese Man O'War were washed up onto the beaches. These sting even when washed up. Do not allow students near.
9	Equipment	Injury to pupils / members of the public, damage to environment through inappropriate route / behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief all pupils on the safe method of carrying ranging poles, quadrats etc. Make sure that tapes crossing paths are clearly marked and that soil test kits are carefully used in the reserve.
10	Damage to the Dune Environment	Injury to pupils / members of the public, damage to environment through inappropriate route / behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit soil sampling. Stay on pre-existing paths whenever possible. Stress the vulnerability of the sand dune ecosystem to all pupils.
11	Dog mess on beach and in dunes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check area beforehand. Carry baby wipes in rucksack.
12	Red End Point - cliffs and rock pools	Loose crumbling cliffs and slippery rocks - route only accessible at low tide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to stay away from cliff base - check tides before planning to walk past RedEnd point on the rocks, take great care on slippery rocks

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13	Ordnance	Live ammunition was used here for training purposes during WW2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave any suspicious items alone, note its position and report to the beach warden or police as soon as possible
14	Re routed coast path and landslide at middle and south beaches		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader needs to be aware of the current route of the coast path due to various small landslides at Middle and South Beaches - these occurred in the winter of 13/14 and are affecting access to certain parts of the beaches.
Emergency		Police 999 / 101 Purbeck National Trust Office at Currendon Farm 01929 450002 Beach Warden call point is at the Knoll Beach Café and Visitor Centre. Beach Warden Mobile = 07970 595963 – check with Leeson staff for latest update on this number (checked 11.10.16) Toilets, phones and first aid are available at Knoll Beach Visitor Centre and at Middle Beach. Leeson House 01929 422126	

GUIDANCE FOR INCIDENTS OF INDECENT EXPOSURE TO SCHOOL PARTIES IN THE SAND DUNES AND ON THE BEACH

Please ensure that all pupils are within sight of a member of staff at all times

Please work south of or alongside the “Sand Dune Trail” and do not work much further north than this. In particular DO NOT work in the Naturist area.

If any members of the public are seen exposing themselves to the pupils then phone immediately:

The National Trust Beach Warden on 07970 595963

If there is no reply to the Beach Warden number then try

Purbeck National Trust Office at Currendon Farm 01929 450002 (weekday office hours only)

Knoll Beach Visitor Centre 01929 450305 (weekdays and weekends)

Do not hesitate to call Police 999 if the situation does not resolve itself quickly

Please attempt to get a description of the offender, note exactly where the incident occurred and to obtain independent witnesses if possible. The police may ask you to give a formal statement and this information is essential

Please report any incidents to Leeson House staff on return to the centre.