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Activity: West Corfe River – Steeple Farm to Sharford Bridge

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See General Off-Site Risk Assessment

1	Traffic – Corfe Old Mill	Limited parking in layby by vineyard cottage and cross road at corner or use castle view car park and cross main A351	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to be aware of traffic, allocate a staff members to watch for traffic on both crossings Staff to wear reflective waistcoats
2	Traffic – Kimmeridge Quarry to Harp Stone Woods	Parking in the old quarry at the top of Kimmeridge Hill – need to walk alongside the road to the stile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to be aware of traffic, allocate a staff members to walk ahead and supervise queuing and climbing over stile Staff to wear reflective waistcoats
3	Farm animals	Cattle or sheep can be encountered in the access to all sites except Old Mill at Corfe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils beforehand, check ahead, esp for large groups of young cattle
4	Equipment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils on how to carry and use equipment safely, especially tapes and nets
5	River Banks	The river banks are undercut in some places at all sites especially at Sharford Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the banks immediately on arrival and mark our safe areas for pupils to work. Throwline
6	Water / currents etc, especially at Sharford Bridge	Deeper channels in all sites but at Sharford Bridge in particular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important that all staff leading work at these sites are familiar with them and know the characteristics of the river fully. Throwline must be carried
8	River bed at all sites	Sharp stones – flints and possible rubbish Deep mud is also likely in places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pupils working in the river MUST have some form of footwear on. Staff to check the river bed carefully before allowing pupils into the rivers

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9	Exposure	Little shelter from wind, rain or sun at all sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather forecast and pupils clothing beforehand, carry extra clothing in case of unintentional immersion
10	Hygiene	Dirty water on hands whilst eating Possibility of Weil's Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If at all possible try to plan the day so that lunch is taken before the pupils touch the water, carry hygienic wipes if required and note that public toilets are available in Church Knowle Village Hall with prior booking, toilets also available in Corfe • Alcohol hand gel to be taken by staff
Emergency		See General Off-Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedures Sites are remote and staff must be confident in describing where they are in the event of an ambulance being called Leeson House – 01929 422126	
THROWLINE		ALL GROUPS WORKING ON WEST CORFE MUST CARRY A THROWLINE, AND STAFF MUST BE BRIEFED ON HOW TO USE IT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION	