



## Risk Assessment – Orienteering

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### Operating Notes:

- Supervision ratio is 1 instructor to 1 class plus one additional instructor nearby. There is no requirement for an additional adult.
- Instructor to be trained to in-house syllabus. Refresher training as directed by session observations.

**Risk – Benefit Statement:** During their orienteering adventure, pupils will be making decisions about safest routes to orienteering markers and they will benefit from working as a team to stay safe and together.

Hazard Description and activities giving rise to risk	Who may be harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
Slips, trips, falls. Public & dogs <b>Walking on the reserve</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructor leads the way, pupils walk behind, with member of staff at end of line</li> <li>• Pupils told not to talk to public</li> <li>• Pupils told not to stroke dogs, we stand still &amp; wait for owner to put dog on lead</li> </ul>	low
Getting Lost <b>Using off site course</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers of younger pupils should ask for the onsite course</li> <li>• Groups of pupils assigned an adult to stay in sight of at all times</li> <li>• Boundaries will be explained and an adult or a brightly coloured item will be placed at the far ends of the course</li> </ul>	low

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orienteering bag has whistle attached to call the children together</li> </ul>	
<b>Road Accident</b> <b>Crossing the haul road</b>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one of our orienteering courses require pupils to cross the haul road; this is under full supervision on the way to the activity and not part of the course itself</li> <li>• The haul road is used by sand lorries and heavy plant machinery going to the working sand quarry. Instructors will stop pupils at a safe distance before the road. Listen and look for vehicles and escort pupils across whilst standing themselves in the middle of the road. High vis tabards are available on request.</li> <li>• Instructors will use the safe crossing places</li> <li>• Although traffic is infrequent on this road it is big and in dry weather creates a cloud of dust so stand well back from any traffic</li> </ul>	low
Scratches, trips, falls <b>Completing the course</b> <b>Use of orienteering clippers</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hazards on the course will be pointed out and may include: brambles, rabbit holes, steep sand banks, gorse, rough or slippery ground</li> <li>• Pupils instructed on the appropriate use of clippers</li> </ul>	low
<b>First Aid emergencies</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take first aid kit</li> <li>• Take radio</li> <li>• Take whistle and tell pupils what it is for</li> </ul>	
<b>Weather Conditions</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lead instructor will review the risk assessment in view of the weather on the day.</li> <li>• The instructor will amend activity if ongoing changing weather conditions effect risks</li> </ul>	

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