



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 |
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| Slips, trips, falls. Public & dogs Walking on the reserve | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor leads the way, pupils walk behind, with member of staff at end of line • Pupils told not to talk to public • Pupils told not to stroke dogs, we stand still & wait for owner to put dog on lead | low |
| Getting Lost Using off site course | Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers of younger pupils should ask for the onsite course • Groups of pupils assigned an adult to stay in sight of at all times • Boundaries will be explained and an adult or a brightly coloured item will be placed at the far ends of the course • Orienteering bag has whistle attached to call the children together | low |

| Risk Matrix | Slightly Harmful | Harmful | Extremely Harmful |
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| Unlikely | Low | Low | Medium |
| Likely | Low | Medium | High |
| Highly likely | Medium | High | High |



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| <p>Road Accident Crossing the haul road</p> | <p>All</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 ● 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. ● Instructors will use the safe crossing places ● 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 | <p>low</p> |
| <p>Scratches, trips, falls Completing the course Use of orienteering clippers</p> | <p>Participants</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hazards on the course will be pointed out and may include: brambles, rabbit holes, steep sand banks, gorse, rough or slippery ground ● Pupils instructed on the appropriate use of clippers | <p>low</p> |
| <p>First Aid emergencies</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Take first aid kit ● Take radio ● Take whistle and tell pupils what it is for | |
| <p>Weather Conditions</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The lead instructor will review the risk assessment in view of the weather on the day. ● The instructor will amend activity if ongoing changing weather conditions effect risks | |

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