



## 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.<br>Public & dogs<br><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<br><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> <li>• Orienteering bag has whistle attached to call the children together</li> </ul> | low         |
| Road Accident<br><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</li> </ul>   | low         |

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



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|  |              | <p>part of the course itself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> |     |
| Scratches, trips, falls<br><b>Completing the course</b><br><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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