

**RISK ASSESSMENT for Educational Activities and Field Trips**

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Assessor CF/JL/RS

Signature

ACTIVITY		DATE			LOCATION	
A6 Treasure Hunt on the beach					Dell Quay, Itchenor, Snowhill/East Head	
Potential Hazards	People at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Control Measures	Further action
Tripping hazards, uneven ground, larger rocks/boulders	Students and staff	2	2	4	Advice given prior to going on the beach. Extra care and adult supervision taken with SEN groups.	
Wet and slippery terrain within the inter-tidal zone (especially the seaweed)	Students and staff	3	2	6	Advice given prior to activity and extra supervision taken for vulnerable students and SEN groups.	
Dangerous items on beach: broken glass, syringes etc.	Students and staff	3	4	12	Warning prior to activity and adults continuously looking out for such items and either removing them (without endangering themselves) or highlighting to everyone that that area is 'out of bounds'. First aid kits always available	
Slipping or getting stranded in the mud	Students and staff	3	4	12	Warning prior to activity about the dangers of mud and procedures to take if anyone becomes stuck (i.e. lie down in the mud and not to panic). Mobile phone available to call mud rescue team. Boundaries set prior to the task.	
Contact with contamination in water or on beach	Students & staff	3	2	6	Advised to wash hands after activity, especially before eating. Open cuts should be covered.	

Sand – wind blown or thrown, or kicked	All – irritant to eyes	3	3	6	Eye wash carried in first aid kits. Pupils advised not to disturb sand unduly especially if windy.	
Sand slopes – danger to people - “avalanche”, also destructive to landscape	pupils	2	2	4	Pupils to be warned of danger if working near a steep slope.	
Sea spurge & plants in general	all	2	2	4	Sea Spurge sap can be an irritant especially in sunshine. Other plants may also be irritant or poisonous, so group warned not to pick vegetation unless specifically advised.	