

RISK ASSESSMENT for Educational Activities and Field Trips

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Signature

ACTIVITY		S10 Field visit to Itchenor			DATE	LOCATION	Itchenor
Potential Hazards	People at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Control Measures	Further action	
Traffic movements, including bicycles	Pupils, teachers	2	4	8	Parties advised that traffic movements are unpredictable and care is needed, particularly if standing near Harbour Office.		
Lack of useful pavements	all	2	4	8	Pupils warned to be careful, vigilance by supervising adults, especially if walking a group to or from the car park		
Pontoons and hard – tripping, hazard & falling into water or mud	Pupils, teachers, CHC staff	3	2	6	Area should be 'out of bounds' unless using the solar boat. CHC staff carry throwing lines and mobile phones. Harbour patrol have a mud rescue service.		
Viewing platform, significant drop off edges.	Pupils	2	4	12	Staff supervision & group control by teacher.		
Hypothermia, sunburn	All	2	2	4	Groups advised beforehand that appropriate clothing should be worn and sunhats/suncream used when necessary.		
Bicycles on footpath	all	3	1	3			
Boat yard activities	Pupils, teachers	3	4	12	Pupils & teachers advised of the potential for movement of boats and heavy vehicles. Care taken when using the footpath through the boatyard.		
Chain or rope across footpath – possibly moving	all	2	2	4	Hazard to be assessed by CHC staff & group advised accordingly.		
Boats propped up on land.	All	2	4	8	Safety briefing to explain hazard & advise keeping well clear, especially on very windy days.		
Soft mud on shore	Pupils, teachers, CHC staff	3	2	6	CHC staff to warn teachers & pupils of the potential dangers of straying on to soft mud when working on the shore. CHC staff carry throwing lines and mobile phones. Harbour patrol have a mud rescue service.		
Prickly vegetation e.g. gorse, & nettles	all	3	1	3	Advice to group if considered necessary		
Rope swing	pupils	2	4	8	CHC staff to stay in front of group & ensure school staff are aware & supervise pupils accordingly		

Steep drop to shoreline in places	pupils	2	4	8	Group warned & pupils advised to stay on the paths and to keep clear of edges.	
Dog mess & other biological hazards	all	3	3	9	Hand washing advised before eating. Open cuts on hands to be covered if working on the shoreline. Spare protective gloves carried by CHC staff, but school to advise group to use their own protection if possible (e.g. sticking plasters)	