



Bradford Peverell, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9SD

Activity Specific Risk Benefit Assessment - River Study

This risk benefit assessment is to be read in conjunction with the 'Dynamic & Generic' risk benefit assessment.

The river study session starts with a classroom introduction followed by a short walk into the village of Bradford Peverell.

We use a private paddock behind the Mill House in Bradford Peverell. The paddock is maintained by the owners of the Mill House and the staff at New Barn.

The area is carefully checked before any of the locations are used for the river tests.

How will young people BENEFIT from this activity?

Group members will work in groups and learn how to undertake fieldwork & carry out fair investigation to collect information on the River Frome.

Risk Assessment Completed By: Matthew Dear		Date of last update: September 2023 Review date before: September 2024	
Risk	Who might be affected	How risk is controlled	Overall risk rating: L/M/H
Falling into water	Staff + pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water levels to be assessed by New Barn Staff before activity begins. Agree the safety rules with the group prior to activity. Ensure group understands activity and have been given clear, understandable and appropriate instructions. Alert group to potential hazards in the introduction talk. Throw line/life ring always available. Weather conditions and forecast will always be assessed, especially when there may be slippery riverbanks during and after rain. Rivers etc only crossed using bridges. 	M
Getting lost	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set physical boundaries beyond which the group should not venture, and brief them clearly. Establish a base to which members of the group may return if separated. Carry out regular head counts. Take up best positions from which to exercise constant vigilance. Divide watching between staff that stand by the shoreline/riverbank looking landward, staff on the beach/land looking sea/riverward. <p>Ensure watching staff are constantly vigilant.</p>	L



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<p>Paddling in River Frome As part of The River Study</p>	<p>Pupils & Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure group understands activity and have been given clear, understandable and appropriate instructions. • Alert group to potential hazards in introduction talk. • Agree the safety rules prior to activity. • Ensure group understands that pushing; dragging and attempted ducking is unsafe and not allowed. • The group will enter the water at identified sections of the stream bank. • Weather and forecasts will be considered before the activity starts. • If wellingtons are worn ensure the group are made aware that boots can fill with water and make it difficult to move quickly. 	<p>L</p>
<p>Injuries and infections</p>	<p>Pupils & Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stream bed will be checked for underwater hazards prior to any member of the group walking into the stream. • Always clean and cover open wounds. • Avoid any unnecessary contact with suspect flotsam, jetsam and rubbish. • Hands should be washed thoroughly before eating and/or drinking • Avoid weed covered areas and wet rocks. • Demonstrate techniques for moving over difficult ground. 	<p>L</p>