

'COAST DEFENDERS' RISK ASSESSMENT

ESTABLISHMENT: Holt Hall

PROPOSED ACTIVITY / ENVIRONMENT: Coast Defenders: young people travel to Overstrand to learn about the cliffs & sea defences

Hazards <i>List significant hazards that may result in serious harm</i>	Risk <i>Indicate the level of risk</i>	Who might be harmed? <i>List groups of people who are at risk</i>	Is the risk adequately controlled? <i>List existing controls or note where information may be found. (e.g. information, instruction training, systems or procedures)</i>	What further actions are needed to control the risk? <i>List the risks that are not adequately controlled and propose actions that are needed to reduce or eliminate the risks.</i>	Outcome
General considerations	MEDIUM	Young people and adults	CONSIDERATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing –ensure young people are wearing suitable outdoor clothing for the weather, for example, waterproofs or sun hats • Ensure first aid bag is easily accessible • Ensure young people have any medicines they may require on them, for example, asthma inhalers • Tide times must be known by the Holt Hall teacher in advance of the visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the group divides into smaller working groups, someone in each group must have a first aid qualification and be carrying a first aid bag & whistle • Ensure appropriate ratios of staff: students • Students must not do anything that could cause erosion or damage to the environment 	LOW
Minibus travel:	HIGH	Young people and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See general risk assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver to know location of first aid kit & to carry mobile phone 	LOW
Cliffs: Cliff fall Falling off cliff	MEDIUM	Young people and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody must use the old closed path at the top of the cliff • Nobody may walk at the cliff edge, cliff base or directly on the cliff face due to the structure and nature of the rock. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group leader should position themselves 3m from the cliff edge & no young people are allowed past this point 	
Road leading down to beach: Slipping on stones Falling over	MEDIUM	Young people and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people must stay behind their group leader when walking down the steep road • Everyone must walk down the road not run • Stones must not be kicked down the road 		

Sea wall: Slipping Soaking by waves	HIGH	Young people and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people should not stand on the railings side of the sea wall in high tide conditions as the waves can crash upon the sea wall & splash over the railings • The group leader needs to make young people aware that the sea wall can be slippery to walk upon especially when it is wet • Young people should walk & not run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In extreme weather, the waves can crash upon the sea wall with force. If this is the case, the young people will not be allowed to walk along the sea wall. 	
Sea & beach: Soaking by waves Being swept out to sea Wandering off	HIGH	Young people and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Norfolk County Council Educational Visits guidelines • Young people are not permitted in the sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waves can travel up the beach unexpectedly. In the case of beach play, the Holt Hall teacher must draw a line in the sand 5m away from the waves that are furthest up the beach, & tell the young people not to cross over the line • Ensure young people know the boundaries of where they can play on the beach • During high tide, the sea may reach up as far as the area near the rock armour & resemble a small pool, & young people must be reminded not to paddle in the sea here • Head counts to ensure all members of the group are present • Use of whistle recall system 	
Rock armour, revetments, groynes & gabions Slipping Falling off Injury	HIGH	Young people and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people are not permitted to climb on the rock armour, revetments, groynes or gabions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When playing in the area next to the rock armour, young people may lean against it & touch it to discover it's hardness only when told to do so by their group leader, & must keep both feet on the beach. 	

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