

Basic Risk Assessment		Study of the River - Geography		Ref No. - 04	
Internal assessor:	Juan Fco. Redondo Sanchez	Potential injuries, damage, etc:	Drowning, cuts, bruises, slips, lost footing and falls.	Date of issue:	March 2009
				Planned review date:	March 2010
Hazards.		Persons exposed to the hazard.	Existing control measures.		
Hazards associated with water and near water activities		Group Leaders/instructional staff. Teachers. Students.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Group Leaders/instructional staff must be T.L. qualified. 2. All staff must be inducted by the manager into the specific use of this activity. 3. There will always be at least 1 Centre staff running this activity with emergency mobile phone and emergency contact details. 4. Pre activity safety training and itinerary will be provided to all attending and issue of Wellington boots to each group member. 5. Identify any weak or non swimmers and non water confident individuals prior to the start of the activity. 6. River site has been vetted for suitability prior to use. 7. First aid kit to be carried by First aid trained Group Leader. 		
Difficult river entry and exit points with slipping and tripping hazards (i.e. wet grass, muddy paths, iced rocks)		Group Leaders/instructional staff. Teachers Students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. River study will be carried out at the birth of the river to minimize depth and flow: maximum river depth 40 cms. and maximum river width of 2 mtrs. 2. Main group will be split into 2 groups at a distance of 10 mtrs apart an only one member of each group can enter the water to take river depth measurements all other data will be collected on river bank. 3. Group Leader/instructional staff will remain on river bank with reaching aid or through line to assist group member if they get into difficulty. 		
Specific Hazard "meteorological" (i.e. adverse weather conditions)		Group Leaders/instructional staff. Teachers. Students.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group Leader/instructional staff will assess daily weather report and plan for the day. 2. Group Leader will advise group of suitable clothing and sun protection when needed. All group members will wear the correct centre issued footwear for this activity. 		
Hazards arising from the actions of inexperienced accompanying teachers.		Group Leaders/instructional staff. Teachers. Students.	Accompanying teachers may assist only if approved by the Centre Manager.		