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**In addition to evidence of recent and relevant experience, the leader must hold the appropriate BCU qualification for the activity proposed and be approved by the LEA Outdoor Education Adviser (OEA).**

HAZARD	RISK	PEOPLE AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS/ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING	INITIAL IF ALL IN PLACE
Avoidable objective dangers/unsuitable location	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unless using Holme Pierrepont, location has been specifically assessed by technical adviser - approved by LEA OEA with advice by BCU - as suitable for activity planned</li> <li>Ability/experience of group taken into account</li> <li>Weather forecast obtained, weather and water conditions constantly monitored and activity adjusted accordingly; alternative programme available if conditions unsuitable</li> </ul>	Written site specific risk assessment and operating procedures	Low	
Water environment	Drowning, injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The leader holds the BCU Raft Guide Award</li> <li>Leader follows BCU code of practice</li> <li>Pupils supervised in BCU recommended ratios by qualified staff</li> <li>Any pupils not in the raft are suitably supervised</li> <li>The leader holds first aid and resuscitation awards</li> <li>Personal buoyancy meets BCU recommendations and leaders check buoyancy always worn correctly when afloat</li> <li>All boats have suitable buoyancy</li> <li>Equipment as recommended by BCU is carried and used as appropriate. Participants are appropriately trained in use</li> </ul>		Low	
Equipment failure	Drowning	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment is checked before use; an equipment log is maintained and regular maintenance programme is undertaken</li> </ul>	Monitoring programme in place	Low	
Head injury	Injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helmets used</li> </ul>		Low	
Water quality	Illness	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local advice taken re water quality</li> <li>Open cuts and sores covered</li> <li>Pupils and parents briefed re Weil's disease and action to take if appropriate</li> </ul>		Low	

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Exposure to weather	Hypothermia	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable clothing and footwear and change of clothes</li> <li>• Spare clothing and emergency equipment available to group</li> <li>• Plan for pupils who may/do not bring suitable clothing – check before departure and/or bring spares</li> <li>• Weather forecast obtained, wind and water conditions constantly monitored and activity adjusted accordingly</li> <li>• Emergency telephone available</li> </ul>	Provide clear information re suitable clothing and equipment to pupils and parents	<b>Low</b>	

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