

ACTIVITY		LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK	
		Low risk does not mean “no risk” and establishments must ensure staff leading trips are competent and that appropriate Risk Assessments have been undertaken	Will usually require enhanced competence and staff leading trips should hold appropriate National Governing Body qualification if they are supervising activities. Third-party competence may be used / required at some venues / centres	A high level of competence is required in the form of National Governing Body qualification (except for trips abroad and residential where no adventurous / hazardous activity is planned - the Head Teacher should ensure staff competence). Use AALA providers where possible	
<b>LOCAL (island)</b> – not falling into Adventurous or Hazardous Activities below	General	Day trips (not falling in other categories) Educational attractions e.g. churches, museums, theatres			
	Farms and Zoos	LA Managed Farms (i.e. Branstone Farm)	Working Farms – privately managed with Visitor Attraction Status (e.g. Coleman’s Farm)	Working Farms – privately managed	
	Horse & Pony	Visits to stables of reputable riding schools	Horse and pony riding at reputable riding stables	Horse / pony trekking – remote <sup>1</sup> areas	
	Residential		Island located residential visits		
<b>OFF- ISLAND</b>		Mainland day trips (not falling in other categories)	UK based residential visits (not falling in other categories)	All trips abroad	
<b>ADVENTUROUS and / or HAZARDOUS<sup>2</sup></b>	General	Robin Hill; Blackgang Chine; Needles Park ;Paultons Park; Thorpe Park and other “family friendly” Theme Parks	Activity centres managed by Local Authority e.g. Calshot	Activity Centres – Privately Managed Camping	
	Activities where height may present hazards (i.e. falling objects or falls)	Guided walks / studies at Dinosaur Isle; Ventnor Coastal Centre	Climbing walls Cliff and landslip studies – school led	Natural rock or ice climbing Abseiling / high Rope courses Air activities (excluding commercial flights) Caving, Pot holing and Mine exploration	
	Water margin & water activities	Pond dipping at school pond		Beach, rock pool or river study visits – no entry to water planned	Any activity on or in natural waters (excluding commercial ferries)
		Beach games – no entry to water		Pool Swimming – private managed with lifeguards full time	Pool swimming – school provision of lifeguard cover
		Guided walks / studies at Dinosaur Isle; Ventnor Coastal Centre			
	Swimming at pool – LA managed with lifeguards full-time				
	“Remote” activities	On island walks – i.e. Parkhurst Forest	Remote <sup>1</sup> walks	D of E expeditions and orienteering	
	Skating and Skiing		Skiing – dry ski slope	Skiing / sledging / snow-boarding on piste	
				Skating – Roller / Ice	
Wheeled activities	Skateboarding ; roller skating and cycling - on school grounds	Cycling on public roads / trials / public cycle way and woodland trails	Any motor vehicles including karting / stock cars etc.		
Shooting activities	Laser combat		Archery, crossbows, air weapons, live firing weapons, paint balling etc.		

**There will be occasions when an activity / trip falls into more than one risk category – in these cases the assessment of risk should be at the highest level identified**  
**Activities classified as “high risk” should not deter the activity from taking place – good safety management and appropriate competence will reduce potential risks**

<sup>1</sup> Remote areas are classified as being more than 30 minutes walk from a road or refuge or over 600m above sea level

<sup>2</sup> For Adventurous and / or Hazardous activities where these are “in-house” staff should be competent to lead these; where an external provider is used organisation should be AALA licensed