# BLYTH & BEDLINGTONACTIVE NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAMME: RISK ASSESSMENT

## ACTIVITY: SPORTS TOURNAMENTS / FESTIVALS

HAZARDS: Significant issues	CONTROL MEASURES: Strategies required to manage the risks safely		
-	Participating School Responsibilities	SSP Responsibilities	
LEADER/SUPERVISION: School staff	Accompanying staff approved by head teacher.	SSP staff and AOTT's qualified and/or experienced.	
	School staff retain overall responsibility for supervision of their pupils.	Events adequately staffed so that teachers from schools are not required to assist and can supervise their pupils.	
	School staff give permission for pupils to leave room e.g. to go to the toilet. Pupils counted before departing from events.	Pupils referred to teacher when seeking permission to leave room e.g. to go to the toilet.	
		SSP staff retain overall responsibility for conduct of leadership students and AOTT's used in the running of events.	
Child protection		SSP staff, leadership students and AOTT's CRB cleared as necessary.	
<b>TRAVEL:</b> Vehicle not roadworthy / Incompetent driving		Use of accredited coach / minibus company. All vehicles comply with NCC guidelines SSP minibus drivers trained to MiDAS standard	
Road Traffic Accident	Pupils instructed to wear seatbelts. Luggage and equipment securely fastened and clear of aisles and exits.		

Disruptive behaviour distracting driver.	Pupils briefed as to behaviour expected on vehicle.	
Embarking and disembarking from a vehicle	Pupils briefed about how to get on and off coach/minibus and where to assemble.	
Travel in teachers' and parents' cars	This must be covered by individual school policies.	SSP will offer minibus or coach travel.
THE ACTIVITY:		
Range of indoor and outdoor sporting activities.	Pupils of appropriate age and ability (where stated) brought to events	Sporting activity managed with appropriate teaching /coaching progressions and safety procedures.
	Ensure pupils wear personal protective equipment and appropriate footwear and sports clothing as advised by the 'Association for Physical Education' (AfPE) in their 'Safe Practice in PE & School Sport' publication.	Follow guidelines recommended by AfPE in their 'Safe Practice in PE & School Sport' publication. Relevant NGB guidelines followed e.g. age
	Jewellery removed and long hair tied back.	groups.
THE ENVIRONMENT:		
Extremes of weather	Pupils adequately equipped e.g. warm clothing, waterproof clothing, sun cream, sun hats as appropriate for activity and season.	Event postponed or cancelled in adverse weather conditions.
	Pupils drinking plenty of fluids when exercising in hot weather	
Facility e.g. sports hall / pitch.		Facilities checked to ensure they are safe
Equipment	School staff to report concerns to SSP staff	e.g. free of obstructions Equipment checked to ensure it is safe
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Injuries		First Aid kit, First Aider and telephone to

	School staff to manage treatment of injury Accidents recorded and reported in line with the School's Health and Safety policy.	summon emergency assistance at every event. Accidents recorded and reported in line with
THE GROUP:		the venue's Health and Safety policy.
Behavioural and Medical Issues	School staff should make SSP staff aware of any relevant medical or behavioural issues with their pupils (including allergies).	Make school staff aware of any medical concerns or persistent behavioural issues with their pupils.
	Adequate supervision for pupils with identified medical or behavioural issues.	
	Asthmatics reminded to bring inhalers.	
EMERGENCY ACTION:	Manage the situation in accordance with NCC guidelines	Support school staff as asked.

GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENTS/STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES USED IN THE COMPILATION OF THIS RISK ASESSMENT: Northumberland County Council – The Safe Management of Off-Site Educational Visits AfPE – Safe Practice in Physical Education & School Sport (July 2008 edition) BAALPE – Guidance on the Organisation of Inter-School fixtures and Area Sports Events

#### ONGOING RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT:

All staff must respond to changing or unforeseen circumstances e.g. changes in weather, pupils' behaviour, ineffective officiating and dangerous play. School staff retain overall responsibility for withdrawing their pupils from an activity if they do not consider it safe.

## ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:

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If sufficient suitably qualified or experienced staff are not available to run the event safely, or if inclement weather makes it unsafe to play, the event will be postponed or cancelled by SSP staff.

### **REVIEW COMMENTS:**

This risk assessment will be reviewed at the beginning of each academic year or more often if new legislation/guidelines relating to the safe management of educational off-site visits are published.

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