

DESCRIPTION OF TASK / ACTIVITY	Worked example risk assessment (Snowsports) S3 Nurture group ski trip
LOCATION	Cairngorm Mountain

Item	Aspect of trip: potential hazards and risks	Who is at risk?	What are you already doing, i.e. what Control Measures are already in place?	Further Actions Required
1	Travel & Transport			
	Road Traffic Accident where injury is a result of an accident whilst driving	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School minibus driver procedures followed Driver has MIDAS training Minibus will be checked before departure and be suitably equipped for winter Driver is familiar with route and additional member of staff in passenger seat to monitor tiredness particularly on return journey 	
	Winter conditions – additional risk of accident	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A weather forecast will be obtained and if road conditions are dangerous or there is a risk of road closure the trip will be postponed 	
	Cairngorm car park – risk of being knocked down or falling in front of moving vehicle	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will be made aware of risk of slipping before they get off the bus and reminded of the dangers of the busy car park Staff will accompany group to ski hire Participants reminded of what they need to take when leaving the bus to reduce likelihood of having to return for something left behind 	
2	Participants Health & Wellbeing			
	Lack of access to personal medication	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent and medical forms completed and carried by staff Staff aware of any medical conditions Inhalers will be carried by individuals and staff will check they have them before leaving the minibus Staff will carry spare inhalers Group leaders will carry spare inhaler 	
	Challenging behaviour because of anxiety/frustration etc.	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff know pupils really well and have a trusting relationship with individuals 	

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	Risk of absconding in potentially dangerous environment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils have been well prepared for this activity through a ski block on the artificial slope Staff pupil ratio of 3:7 to enable flexible supervision if required 	
3	Venue			
	Ski hire Busy venue with potential for group to be separated. Risk of being hit by skis being carried inappropriately	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group have experience of a similar environment at the artificial slope Group briefed on where to meet if they get separated Group know how to carry skis safely and to be aware of others 	
	Funicular Trips slips and falls	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group are aware of increased risk of slips and trips when walking in ski boots Group will be split in to 3 small groups with allocated staff member 	
	Café Risk of getting separated/lost	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group briefed on where to meet if they get lost Pupils have staff emergency phone number stored on their mobile Pupils will only be allowed to go to the toilet in pairs 	
4	Activity			
	Incompetent staff	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 of the accompanying staff hold Alpine Ski Leader qualification. Third member of staff is an experienced skier 	
	Inappropriate plan	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group members have completed a block of skiing and are adequately trained and prepared for the venue and activity Pupils have been part of the planning process and have studied piste maps and created a plan of timings for the day Plans assessed and approved by technical expert 	
	Injury through collision or fall	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants will wear helmets Group briefed on personal safety Staff adequately skilled and qualified to manage group 2 staff have outdoor first aid qualification and will be able to appropriately manage a casualty and rest of group in the event of injury 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group have knowledge of ski code and expected slope etiquette (FIS Safety Code) 	
	Inappropriate or poorly fitted/ adjusted technical equipment	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All technical equipment will be fitted and checked by an appropriately qualified technician at ski hire and be monitored during the day by qualified staff 	
	Cold	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity leader to check that all participants have adequate clothing for weather and conditions Spare clothing and gloves will be carried by staff 	
	UV exposure: snow blindness, sunburn	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Googles, sun-glasses, suncream to be worn as appropriate Staff to remind about and oversee methods of protection 	
	Poor choice of slope resulting in injury	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff aware of group ability and if required the group will split to ensure appropriate challenge Staff will raise awareness of natural and fixed hazards (rocks, fences, pylons etc) and brief group 	
	Ski tows/lifts: (Falling off, getting clothing/equipment caught, being hit by lift mechanism)	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group briefed on what to do if they fall off a tow or the activity leader has to deal with someone falling off Group made aware of procedures for getting on/off tows safely Group made aware of dangers of clothing/backpacks being snagged 	
5	Weather & Environment			
	Poor visibility leading to individuals getting separated or lost	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good staff:pupil ratio Staff will ensure pupils know where to meet if they get separated Pupils will be briefed about staying within the marked piste area If visibility become too bad to ensure group safety staff will relocate to lower slopes or cut session short 	
	High winds/snow/ extreme low temperatures leading to exposure/hypothermia	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group clothing will be checked before departure and spare gloves and clothing will be carried Staff are experienced and know to stop regularly to ensure group are comfortable Regular breaks are scheduled to ensure group stay warm and hydrated If the weather deteriorates and becomes challenging the session will be cut short 	

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6	Emergencies			
	Injury, medical emergency or lost participant		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experienced, qualified staff • High staff:pupil ratio • Staff will carry radios to ensure good communication on the hill • Pupils have staff emergency mobile number stored on their phones • Ski patrol will be available to assist if required • Emergency contacts for pupils and staff carried by all staff 	
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