

LOCAL EXCURSION RISK ASSESSMENT



Place: Blockhouse Bay Beach

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Destination	69-79 Endeavour Street, Blockhouse Bay
Description and purpose of excursion	Physical activity, local community, challenging, safe risk taking environment, fun.
Transport/logistics	Walking
Hazard (what could happen or what might cause harm?)	Action How will we manage that hazard – remove, isolate, minimise?
Road safety	All local excursions are on foot. Please use footpaths at all times and encourage 'sensible' walking. If you need to cross the road please use this opportunity to reinforce road safety with the children looking both ways etc. If there is a pedestrian crossing or a controlled intersection nearby to where you are crossing you must use it. When walking, please be aware of the movement of vehicles in and out of both residential driveways and carpark areas. Teachers will walk on the side of the footpath closest to the road. Round-a- bout- Cross at designated crossing Zones, or a safe distance from the round-a-bout.
Park / Playground	Check that all equipment is safe for use and appropriate for the age group of the children in your group. Check the surrounding area for any glass or other sharp objects.
Child becomes ill	The child will be cleaned up with items from the first aid kit, and comforted, the Centre Manager/Person Responsible will be notified, who will in turn call the parents for collection. Once back at the centre all usual illness policies will be followed. If ratios allow, the ill child will be brought back to the centre, and the rest of the staff and children will remain on the excursion. If ratios do not allow, all children and staff will return to the centre.
Public Toilets	If any child needs to use the toilet while you are away from the centre, could use public toilet available at the park. A Teacher will check the toilet is in a 'satisfactory' condition before use. Any child using the toilet must have a supervising adult from the trip with them at all times
Dogs	Be wary of any dogs that you may encounter. If you feel that any dog may pose a threat to the group move them to safety as soon as possible.

Strangers/ Other parents	Please be aware of any strangers in the vicinity and monitor any interactions they may have with the children. If you are at all concerned or threatened by their behaviour distance the group from them and if necessary, call the police on 111.
Car Parks	Ensure children are close to adults while moving through car parks. Holding hands, as far away from parked cars as possible. Making sure any cars reversing are able to see you and the children clearly. Be aware of entry and exit into the car park.
Child / Adult injury	There must always be a first aid certified teacher on the excursions. First aid kit must be taken on all walks. If someone was to become injured, all first aid measures will be taken, and an incident will be recorded in Storypark at the time of injury. The Centre manager or Person Responsible will be notified, and then the parents will be called. The response must mirror the injury, and all injury responses must follow usual protocol. If you need assistance, call the Centre Manager/Person Responsible. Sunburn – apply sunblock and hats before leaving. Reapply when necessary. Heatstroke / De-hydration – Children are to take full water bottles and are encouraged to drink regularly. Keep children in the shade as much as possible and do not spend a lengthy amount of time in direct sun or heat. Intentionally seek shade. Eye irritation from sand – Take a bottle of water and flannel to flush eyes if required.
Ongoing Medical Conditions / Dietary needs	Take all relevant medication with you such as EpiPens, inhalers, spacers, creams for the children attending the walk that may require it. If food is being taken. Make sure allergen safe foods are provided, and clearly marked for each child.
Water	Ratio of 1:2. Be aware of slippery rocks and rock pools. Keep children in the sand as much as possible. Children must wear closed in shoes (no jandals / slip-ons or crocs) Watch out for waves – rogue, changing currents and deep-water holes. Children should not be near the waterline without holding a teacher's hand.
Debris on the beach	Look out for sharp objects, fishing equipment, bones, shells, trash, broken glass, animal droppings etc – keep children away. Closed in shoes must be worn. Monitor children very closely around the high tide waterline where debris collects.

What adult to child ratio is suggested for this excursion?	Over 2: 1:6
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Other comments:
