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| **Description of Activity** | ***South Beds XC Country Championship*** | | |
| **Location** | **Houghton Hall Park** | | |
| **Completed by** | ***Stewart Seymour*** | | |
| **Date of Assessment** | **27/11/24** |  |  |

Note to schools Whilst the LLSSP aim to ensure that facilities and activities are safe and appropriate to ensure that all athletes leave the competition / event / day safely it is the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOOL to ensure that all children remain in their care and practice safely whilst in attendance. A school responsibility will include the

following which isn’t an exhaustive list; - toilet runs, safe practice when non-participating, signing in and out, photo and medical consent and appropriate clothing.

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| **What are the hazards?** | **Who and how might someone be**  **harmed?** | **What are you currently doing to control risks?** | **Risk Rating L / M / H** | **What else do you need to do (if applicable)?** | **Action by who / when?** | **Date Completed** |
| Tripping on the course | All | The course will be checked for any hazards and will maintain the course that has been set for a number of years.  The course will navigate through various terrain and children will be advised before each race of the issues they may face.  The course will aim to navigate around some of terrain that could cause a trip hazard such as mole hills but there will be instances where this is not possible and children will be briefed of this. | M | Participants will be briefed and areas of potential tripping will be displayed on the course to avoid. | SSR | 6/1/25 |
| Trips, falls and injuries | All | Children are the responsibility of the school and this message will be relayed to the school that they need to have a registered first aider on attendance accoupling their school. |  | First aiders from schools will be placed around the course to offer support when needed. Organiser will be on call if needed for further  assistance. | SSR | 6/1/25 |
| Dog muck on the course | All | Organiser will do a pre-check of the course so that children do not come in to contact with dog mess.  This will be either cleared up or moved away from the course. | L | Regular checks on the course. | SSR | 6/1/25 |

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| Students getting lost | All | Marshalls will be in positions throughout the race and organisers will be keeping an eye on the back runners for the races.  A sports leader where numbers allow, following the last runner until all runners are in. | L | Mobile or landline accessible to contact relevant emergency services if necessary.  Any accidents or incidents are reported on the appropriate forms in line with the host facilities policy.  Remind accompanying teachers of their duty of care to their pupils at the competition venue. | SSR | 6/1/25 |
| Car Park injuries | All | Parking attendants will be on hand to ensure that cars are parked safely without causing hazards or other obstructions to other users | L | Designated passage way to the venue will be displayed, schools will have adequate staff to control while  walking through car park. | SSR | 6/1/25 |
| Car Park General | All | Incidents when parking will be avoided by marshals being provided on the day to navigate cars to suitable parking locations  away from the races. | L | No students should be in the car park unless arriving or departing the  venue. | SSR | 6/1/25 |
| Exhaustion from running | All | Children will run distances that are suited to their age | L | All back runners will have young leader to support them if they are walking or struggling to complete the course.  First aid will be provided by their own school member of staff | SSR | 6/1/25 |
| Injury from stakes, funnel etc | All | All of the course is marked out with tape and stakes, runners are directed to run inside the marked gates and following the hare will also help children not get caught. | L | Ensure all participants & young Leaders understand the correct usage of all equipment and to report any faults & damages ASAP during the  event. | SSR | 6/1/25 |
| Abduction of children | All | Children are to be on a site that is mapped. Marshalls will be set across the course in the furthest areas to keep watchful of the course and any public gaining access to the site. | M | Staff requirement is to ensure the safety of their children too. Schools will also have the correct staff to student ratio. | SSR | 6/1/25 |

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| Photography | All | Photographs may be taken at events by organisers or staff of the pupils at their school. Please make organiser aware if you have pupils who cannot be photographed | L | School staff need to be aware of those children whose photographs shouldn’t be taken. | SSR | 6/1/25 |

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| **Overall Residual Risk for Activity (L / M / H):** | Low |

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| **Level of Risk** | **Suggested Action** |
| **LOW** | Control measures are adequate but continue to monitor and review; ensure that they remain satisfactory and appropriate |
| **MEDIUM** | Control measures need to be introduced within a specified time period; continue to monitor and review |
| **HIGH** | Unless control measures can be immediately introduced to reduce the risk so far as is reasonably practicable, the task or activity should be suspended |