

DURHAM SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION RISK ASSESSMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS CUP CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.			
28 Feb 2020	VENUE; WATERGATE FOREST PARK, LOBLEY HILL		
GENERAL POINTS. Pupils to arrive changed and suitably clothed for both running and standing around between races. All schools have been sent details of race map, race times and facilities available on the day. Toilet facilities are available in the football club pavilion near to the start. The venue is well away from any traffic			
HAZARD	SEVERITY OF HAZARD	LIKELIHOOD OF HAZARD OCCURRING	CONTROL MEASURES IN PLACE
Pupils travelling to and from venue	LOW	LOW	Responsibility of individual schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters sent to all schools with details of parking arrangements</li> <li>• School staff to escort their pupils from bus to the assembly area near to the start.</li> </ul>
The course itself. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controlling numbers at the start of each race.</li> <li>• Debris and hazards on course.</li> <li>• Difficult underfoot conditions</li> <li>• Pupils taking the wrong course.</li> <li>• Congestion at finish funnel/collisions at finishing funnel</li> <li>• First Aid.</li> </ul>	LOW  LOW  LOW  LOW  LOW	LOW  LOW  LOW  LOW  LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight separate age group races.</li> <li>• Wide starting area to accommodate all runners safely.</li> <li>• No “bottlenecks” near to the start</li> <li>• Course checked by course organiser prior to start of race to check for any debris on course.</li> <li>• Warning of slippery surface on wooden bridge given if wet.</li> <li>• Warning given regarding holes on field</li> <li>• Course checked prior to race for any “heavy or icy areas”</li> <li>• Spikes recommended, but by no means compulsory.</li> <li>• The race is run on grass and the park paths.</li> <li>• Course sent to schools prior to the day.</li> <li>• Course explained to runners at the start of each race.</li> <li>• Marshalls (wearing distinctive vests) in place at regular intervals and especially where there is a choice of paths.</li> <li>• Individual school staff to check their own runners in at the end of each race</li> <li>• Member of teaching staff to slow runners down at start of funnel. Ensure runners keep moving through the funnel.</li> <li>• Individual school responsible for basic first aid kit</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflict with dogs whilst on course</li> </ul>	MED	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marshalls to contact course organizer in event of an injury on the course.</li> <li>Students warned of dangers before the start. Rider on lead bike warning members of public to control dogs.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adverse weather conditions</li> </ul>	MED	MED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course inspected at 8.30 am if it has been wet, cold or snowing. Event postponed if conditions are dangerous.</li> <li>Alternative courses may be used, run only on the Watergate fields.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major medical emergency</li> </ul>	HIGH	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emmanuel College emergency procedure to be followed. Emergency services contacted, event halted, casualty cared for, facilities contacted to ease access for emergency services.</li> </ul>