

General Risk Assessment for education department activities: Schools, family learning events, adult learning

Specific, other activities not covered by this will be assessed in addition where needed.

Area Assessed: **The Minster, Archbishop's Palace, education garden, Trebeck Hall (for Education Department)**

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What are the hazards?	Who could be harmed and how?	What are the control measures	Risk rating	What further actions are required?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Date done
<p>safeguarding</p> <p>Possible injury or abuse</p>	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers receive annual safe guarding information & sign annual declaration, counter-signed by church leader or similar. Pupils are never alone – always remaining part of a group and in the care of school adults. Schools are made aware that the Minster and palace / garden are open to the general public. At family events, children must be supervised by parents/ carers who brought them. All staff and volunteers wear team badges Volunteers and staff behave according to our guidelines in the department safeguarding policy, agreed with the Diocesan safeguarding officer. Schools asked to bring enough accompanying adults to supervise the children adequately. Supervising adults should remain with the children at all times unless independent activity (see below) Photos taken comply with photograph policy. Schools can download safeguarding and photo policy from website. 	<p>L1</p> <p>S3</p> <p>RR3</p> <p>MED</p>		DI/ MH / DS		

Pupil lost or separated from group	Pupils Possible injury or abduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full list of schools attending large events eg TT / Year 6 days is at hand. School is responsible for holding list of individuals. • School is informed in initial information that they remain responsible for the safety and supervision of their pupils at all times. • Timetable – distributed to volunteer team and school in advance. School is requested to give each adult a copy. • Some activities are ‘free range’ (eg trails etc). guidelines explained beforehand re evacuation procedure and meeting points, timescales and toilet visits. volunteers / staff given instructions for supervision. 	L1 S3 RR3 MED				
Arrival and entering the Minster and outside activity, lunch outside. Road crossing	Pupils. Staff and other adults Possible trip, slip or fall and injury due to traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses park on the Minster side of the road so no road crossing necessary. Instructions sent out in teacher packs • Volunteers are asked to point out steps, uneven path hazards where possible. • Gravestones may be uneven and children should be kept away from them during lunch. Instructions in teacher pack and reminder given on the day verbally. • During Time Travelling some groups use the Methodist Hall as lunch venue. Where possible, a team member will be available at the road crossing, but school staff cross children safely over the road and bring them back to Minster at the start of the afternoon activity. Volunteers are briefed on procedure. 	L1 S2 RR2 LOW	Gravestones are checked	Vergers	Annually	
Movement around the Minster building	Pupils, staff and other adults Risk of injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate risk assessment for tower tours. • The stone floor is sound with no apparent trip hazards • All entrances and exits are accessible, not obstructed 	L1 S2				

	due to trip, slip or fall or from electrocution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All areas wheelchair accessible except Chapter House, High Altar and Pilgrim's Chapel. Alternative plans made if mobility is a problem. Schools are asked in advance. During maintenance work the hazardous areas are isolated and warning signs displayed Heavy doors to be held open or fixed back. Steep stone steps at the palace are hand railed. Children should ascend walking: reminder is given If the lift is needed for children, this should be used with adult supervision. Trebeck Hall has disabled access but no accessible toilet. There are facilities in the Palace and at the Refectory (keys available from vergers if closed) 	RR2 LOW			Vergers	
During activities – risk of injury, choking or fire from use of candles, glue, scissors, beads and needles (and other low risk craft materials)	Pupils, staff and other adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close supervision of any use of candles and warnings of dangers. Teacher / school adults asked to approve. Long lighters used where possible rather than matches. Kept out of reach of children. Activities demonstrated and safe usage instruction is given. Children are made aware of using needles safely and supported by other adults Close supervision / demonstrations when children are using scissors and glue. Instructions for safe usage is given where needed. Leads and cables are covered with safety mats or situated overhead equipment is PAT tested 	L1 S2 RR2 LOW L1 S3 RR3 MED		Vergers/ Ed team at events	Annually	
Electrical hazards	Pupils, staff and other adults			Equipment PAT tested	Cathedral Administrator		
Trips on steps	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers encouraged to draw attention to steps at 	L1				

	and other adults	west door, the Sanctuary, Chapter House, Screen, Choir, Bread Pews, Pilgrim Chapel and Great Hall and as necessary	S1 RR1 LOW				
Fire/emergency	Pupils, staff and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuation procedure included on documents for schools/volunteers. For adult / older students or 'free range' activities, verbal instruction is given. Leave by nearest exit and assemble at the top of west path. 	L1 S1 LOW		DI/MH	Annually	
Use of Laser pointers	Pupils, staff, volunteers Laser may shine in eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide safe usage instructions Children do not use except under close supervision by group leader 	L1 S1 LOW		DI/MH	Check when used	
Offer of hot drinks to accompanying adults while children are in the building	Children, staff, adults. Scalding / burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While children are in the building, hot drinks are served in lidded cups only. This is in instructions for schools. Use of flasks for hot water, so water not scalding. 	S1 L1 LOW		DI /MH		
Minor injuries requiring First Aid	Pupils, school staff, volunteers and Education staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to events, check locations of first aid kits (vestry, palace door, Hoskyns room) Trained member of staff available on site (verger / Education team) All first Aid incidents to be reported to Education staff, and recorded in vestry accident book. School staff responsible for administering first aid to their pupils, but may receive assistance / support from Minster staff where needed. Instant cold packs kept with refreshments box 	L2 S1 LOW		DI/MH/ DS prior to events.		
Use of the garden area Stings, bites, loose	Pupils, staff and other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General safety talk to all groups using the garden including: 	L1 S2		DI / MH / DS education		

objects, falls, trips	adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reminder re health & hygiene – take care when using natural materials such as twigs, leaves, stones etc -hand washing after working in the garden -All adults clear on toilet access - toilets in palace to be used, children to be escorted by an adult from the school. -First Aid – education staff and vergers hold first aid certificates. Nearest First Aid kits – vestry and Palace. -Importance of staying with the designated group leader clearly point out those areas which are out of bounds. 	RR2 LOW		team Cathedral Administrator /vergers		
Inclement weather	Pupils, staff and other adults / volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of wet, windy, icy weather or heavy rain, activities will be assessed on the day in discussion with vergers. Control measures may be put in place and the event may be cancelled if safety is compromised. 	L1 S1 RR1 LOW				
Overcrowding	All attending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to given area may be temporarily restricted if there is concern over safety, or if max numbers reached 	L1 S1 LOW				
Other events / activities, which include risks not entered above							
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2.6 Risk assessment calculator

Likelihood

The likelihood of something happening can be graded as:

- 1** = Low (seldom)
- 2** = Medium (frequently)
- 3** = High (certain or near certain)

Severity

The severity of injury if something does happen can be graded as:

- 1** = Low (minor cuts and bruises)
- 2** = Medium (serious injury or incapacitated for 3 days or more)
- 3** = High (fatality or a number of persons seriously injured)

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Likelihood	2	2	4	6		
	1	1	2	3		
		1	2	3	3	Severity

1 – 2 = low priority
3 – 4 = medium priority