Mowbray Park

Hazard Identification Sheet

- Please note: columns 1 to 3 identify the hazards, risks, and controls put in place by the Museum, column 4 highlights areas where schools should implement their own measures outside the control of the Museums.
- Teachers should follow DfES guidelines and write their own Risk Assessments.
- Please remember that the competence and behaviour and any special needs of your pupils should be taken into consideration when planning supervision and activities within the Museum.

Hazard Identification	Risk and to whom	Existing Control Measures	Further Action by School (add own comments)
Uneven ground e.g. steps, steep sided grassy slopes, railings, fences and statues.	Slips, trips and falls causing injury All pupils and staff	Tarmac paths around park	Teachers provide safety talk for children. Stay on paths or flat grassed areas. No running or climbing advised in areas with uneven ground.
Extreme weather, e.g:	Risk to all pupils and staff • Falling branches and trees causing injury. • Icy paths causing slips and falls • Extreme cold – hypothermia. • Heatstroke or sunburn. • Slippy pavements/wooden bridge	 Park gates closed during high winds. Paths gritted in winter. Trees provide shade. 	Teachers to check weather reports and ensure pupils are dressed accordingly. Teachers and pupils to take extra care in wet weather. Teachers to bring water and sunscreen.

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Quarry face in south of park	Risk of falling rocks from limestone cliff.	Hazard signs warn of danger. Regular	No climbing allowed, adult supervision.
Vehicles and machinery in park	Risk of collision and injury. All pupils and staff.	Vehicles move slowly in park (5mph). Machinery supervised by council staff and safety barriers and signage used where appropriate.	Teacher and pupil awareness of vehicle movements.
Plants with thorns, prickles, poisonous sap or berries, pollen.	Scratches to skin, allergic reactions, poisoning by ingesting berries. Hayfever.	None	Teachers to advise pupils not to touch or eat unfamiliar plants. Teachers to seek medical assistance where poisoning/allergies suspected.
Bees, wasps and biting insects.	Stings and bites to skin. Anaphalactic shock.	None	Teachers and/or pupils carry appropriate first aid, e.g. epi pens. First aiders in Museum.
staff	Inhalation of insects using pooter Germs passed on from different pupils sucking tubes on pooters.	Safety talk before using equipment. Pooters cleaned between uses.	•
Plant or mlni-beast workshops with museum	Injury from equipment – cuts, scrapes	Equipment checked for safety	Pupils to wash hands after workshops Adult supervision
Guided Tours by museum staff e.g. sculpture tour	Slips, trips or falls on uneven ground	Museum staff check route and stopping points for safety	Adult supervision
Contact with substances hazardous to health, e.g. animal and bird faeces, hypodermic needles.	Risk of poisoning, injury or infection to all pupils and staff.	Park is checked and cleaned on a daily basis by council staff.	Report any concerns to the Place Manager 5614542. Teachers and pupils to wash hands after visit.

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	All staff and pupils.	inspections by park staff and remedial works undertaken.	
Water bodies e.g. lake and ornamental pool.	Risk of drowning, infection by water borne diseases. All staff and pupils.	Safety lines in red boxes beside lake.	Adult supervision. Teachers to make sure pupils wash hands after contact with water
Swans, other birds on or near lake	Risk of biting injury by birds protecting young. Faeces on paths and lawns could cause infection. All staff and pupils.	Paths checked and cleaned regularly by parks staff.	Staff and pupils to check where they are walking and keep safe distance from swans and other birds.
Playground equipment: Swings, slides, roundabouts, climbing apparatus.	Slips, trips and falls causing injury to staff and pupils. Bumps and collisions.	Playground equipment safety tested to BSEN standards and checked daily.	Extra care taken in wet weather. Adult supervision
Other park visitors	Inappropriate behaviour towards pupils and staff. Dog bites	Park security staff patrol park regularly. Dogs should be kept on a lead - byelaws	Report any concerns to the Place Manager 5614542. Teachers and pupils to wash hands after visit.
Toilets in Mowbray Park are not open – use toilets in Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens	Slips and trips on wet floors. All staff and pupils.	Wet floor signs used. Toilets cleaned and checked regularly by museum staff.	



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