

# Gloucester Cathedral Visit Risk Assessment

Area of Risk	Type of risk	Action taken
<p><b>Cathedral</b> - West slype            North aisle to Cloisters            North/South Transepts            St Andrew's Chapel            Crypt            Uneven floors            Candles on prayer stand</p> <p>Quire            Tribune Gallery for Exhibition/Whispering Gallery.            Tower</p>	<p>Steep steps            Steep steps            Steps            Steps, no handrail            Steep steps            Slippery when wet            Possible fire hazard</p> <p>Steps            Narrow staircase, height encountered</p> <p>Steep spiral staircase, narrow steps, height encountered, small spaces</p>	<p>Handrail provided            Handrail provided            Handrail provided            Verbal warning of hazard            Handrail provided            Warning signs provided            Children not allowed to light and asked to stand well back            Verbal warning of hazard            Verbal warning, handrails and barriers.</p> <p>Guides front and back, handrails. Verbal warning of hazards</p>
<p><b>St Mary's Gate Education Centre</b>            Entrance lobby            Two flights of stairs</p> <p>Fire exit</p> <p>Herb workshop</p>	<p>Narrow and cramped            Possibility of falling</p> <p>Steep old stone stairs</p> <p>Possible allergies to herbs.</p>	<p>Verbal warning before entry            Children asked not to run or push on stairs. Asked to hold up habits or costumes, handrail provided.</p> <p>Teachers able to withdraw child from workshop</p>
<p>Teachers are asked on our booking form if any child in the group has any particular special needs or requirements. As they have specific knowledge of that child, it is their</p>	<p>Children who are in wheelchairs or who have walking difficulties can be accommodated.</p>	<p>Whole class move into Chapter house - on level floor and work in Cathedral.</p>

responsibility to remove the child from any activity, which in their view, may be damaging		
<b>College Green -Walk to and from Education centre</b>	Light Traffic	Children given a warning and the group crossed together, with an adult at the front and back of the group.
<b>It is the view of the Dean and Chapter that a visit to Gloucester Cathedral and Education Centre SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A LOW RISK VISIT, posing little danger to staff or pupils.</b>	Evacuation procedures in case of emergency or fire are in place in the Cathedral and St Mary's Gate. Vergers will inform all visitors at the Cathedral of any emergency evacuation, giving details of gathering points. The Education officer will do the same at St Mary's Gate.	IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR AT ALL TIMES THAT THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY OF CARE LIES WITH SCHOOL AND THE TEACHERS IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP AND HAVING MADE EVERY POSSIBLE SAFETY PROVISION WITHIN REASON, OWING TO THE AGE AND CONDITION OF THE BUILDINGS VISITED, IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEAN AND CHAPTER.