

## Health and Safety Information

**Please note that whilst the education team will lead the activities for the day they do not act *in loco parentis*.**

If you have not visited us before we strongly advise you to carry out a preliminary visit and undertake all the necessary health and safety checks required by your school guidelines.

We are proud of our safety record and strive to maintain our high standards. All our staff are first aid trained and will carry kits with them when they are out on the Reserve. The activities are risk assessed and copies of these are sent out to schools in advance of their visit.

As the site is surrounded by water we do ask school staff to help us ensure that the children walk around the Reserve safely using the designated paths. We usually ask that they walk with a partner behind the activity leader, in a line, with one of our volunteers at the back.

Please ensure that children come suitably dressed for outdoor activities. Strong shoes or Wellingtons and warm waterproof clothing are essential for much of the year. We do have a small number of Wellingtons in selected sizes and some waterproofs available at the Centre if necessary. Sun hats and sun cream are advised for visits during the summer. If the children are working in the meadow area during the summer months we advise them to wear long trousers to minimise the risk of nettle stings.

If any children have any relevant medical conditions such as asthma, allergy to bee stings, acute hay fever etc. please can you advise our staff at the start of the visit as well as indicate this on our booking form.

If you have any further questions about Health and Safety please do not hesitate to contact us.