

### Risk Assessment

Location: Lesnes Abbey			Session Timelines History timeline reenactments and handling of historical objects		Assessor: Stephanie Johnson	Assessment Date: 29/01/2025	
Hazard	Severity of Injury (1-5)	Risk Likelihood (1-5)	Total Risk Level	Measures to Reduce Risk	Severity of Injury (1-5)	New Risk Likelihood (1-5)	New Total Risk Level
Worsening of injury through slow emergency response	4	3	12	First aid kit to be brought on site by member of school and a first aider to be present on site with each class. Entrance to site will be kept clear of obstructions to allow for emergency service vehicle access.	2	1	2
Injury caused by slips, trips and falls	5	4	20	Inspect site for hazards and inform and or point out/mark hazards to all members of staff and children. Before start of session give a briefing to the school instructing them in the correct behaviour for the site e.g., do not run inside the ruins and what hazards they need to look out for. When in the ruins, the school staff and children will be advised not to climb on the ruins. If possible, safely remove hazards from site. All staff and children encouraged to wear appropriate clothes and footwear. Lesnes Abbey Staff to wear steel toe cap boots if working with heavy equipment or tools. Correctly store equipment/tools on site to prevent trips.	4	1	4
Injury caused through manual handling	4	5	20	Use of vehicle/wheelbarrow to transport equipment to site. Heavy loads should be carried between a minimum of two people. Demonstrate correct manual handling technique and provide PPE e.g., gloves. Distance of handling to be reduced as much as possible with breaks, if necessary, along with using manual handling aids.	3	1	3
Injury caused through wearing	3	4	12	Children will be supervised during costume wearing/handling props by school and Lesnes Abbey staff. Potentially harmful behaviour will	3	1	3

costumes and handling props and artefacts				<p>be stopped e.g., waving around/hitting people with plastic and wooden swords. Expected behaviours will be stated at the beginning before any equipment is handed out e.g., not to hit each other with swords.</p> <p>Children will be briefed on how to safely handle/touch the historical objects when inside their mystery boxes. Any dangerous behaviour will be stopped such as trying to break the objects or swinging them around.</p>			
Hyperthermia/hypothermia caused by weather	5	3	15	<p>Weather to be monitored before session and if necessary, the session postponed/cancelled/changed if conditions considered hazardous.</p> <p>All staff and participants to dress appropriately.</p> <p>Drinking water can be found inside the lodge along with being purchased from the café.</p> <p>Stop work if participants fall ill, provide first aid and if necessary, call ambulance.</p> <p>Ask school staff whether they would like to conduct session inside the lodge if the weather is deemed very hot or cold or provide an alternative outdoor space with shade.</p> <p>Allow all staff and children to take regular breaks from the heat and to drink water during hot weather.</p>	2	1	2
Injury caused by dogs	5	4	20	<p>All staff and children to be briefed on correct behaviour when approached by dogs on site. They will be told not to touch or run away from a dog but to place their arms across their chest 'x factor' and to tell a member of staff.</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to stick together and to remain calm during session and if possible, owners will be asked to put their dogs on leads when passing through session area.</p>	4	2	8
Distress caused by becoming lost	3	4	12	<p>During briefing all staff and children will be advised to stay with a member of staff at all times.</p> <p>All staff and children to stick to designated paths. If anyone needs to leave the session they must do so in the company of a member of staff and let the session leader know.</p> <p>School staff will be responsible for ensuring all children are present throughout the session.</p>	2	1	3
Stranger Danger	5	3	15	No one is to be left on their own whilst on site and children must be	5	1	5

				<p>accompanied by a member of staff at all times.</p> <p>During briefing all staff and children will be advised not to talk to strangers and to tell a teacher or member of staff if a stranger tries to talk to them.</p> <p>All members of Lesnes Abbey education staff have been DBS checked.</p>			
Hazardous waste/litter/animal poo	3	5	15	<p>Walking route/education areas will be checked for litter/hazardous waste and if safe to do so removed. Lesnes Abbey is litter picked regularly.</p> <p>During briefing all staff and children will be told not to pick up any litter or animal poo whilst on site but to warn those around them and to let a member of staff know.</p> <p>All staff and children will be advised if there is hazardous waste, litter or animal poo. If possible, it will be safely removed from the working area and disposed of. If not possible then its location will be highlighted to all staff and children for them to avoid.</p>	3	1	3
Injury from vegetation	5	4	20	<p>All staff and children to be briefed on any low hanging vegetation or vegetation that might be hazardous if they encounter it e.g., stinging nettles, holly, brambles.</p> <p>If there are any hazardous plants on site, the children and staff will be told of its location and encouraged to stay away from area.</p>	2	2	4
Injury/sickness from medical conditions/allergies	5	3	15	<p>Members of school staff to be aware of any medical conditions/allergies and to bring appropriate treatments/medicines if possible, e.g. asthma inhalers, epi pens.</p> <p>Members of Lesnes Abbey staff to be informed of any medical conditions/allergies that might be relevant to the session planned e.g., allergic to wasp stings.</p> <p>Where possible the session will be adapted to take into account any medical conditions/allergies e.g., go slowly up steep hills and take breaks for asthma sufferers.</p>	5	1	5
Injury from fire	5	5	25	<p>All staff and children to be briefed on what to do if they hear the fire alarm whilst inside building. They will be told to quickly and calmly leave the building and to make their way to the fire assembly point (mulberry tree) with their teachers. No one should try to take their belongings with them or re-enter the building.</p> <p>Lesnes Abbey staff will be last to leave classroom and will check</p>	5	1	5

				<p>storerooms and disabled toilet for any children/members of staff.</p> <p>At the fire assembly point teachers will perform a register/head count of their staff and children.</p> <p>All fire exits will be kept clear to enable a safe evacuation and the shutters will always be open over the fire exits. Fire extinguishers are located at each fire exit to be used if necessary and are the responsibility of Bexley Borough Council along with the fire alarms.</p> <p>Fire doors will be kept shut at all times.</p>			
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