



# Burghley House

## Risk Assessment for Education Visits to the Sculpture Garden and Parkland

Hazard	Risk	Controls
<b>Slipping &amp; Tripping</b>	High	To avoid accidents children are asked to walk and not run at all times.
<b>Falling</b>	Medium	Children are asked not to climb on any permanent or temporary structures, including trees, walls, fences, gates and sculptures.
<b>Lost Children</b>	Medium	All teachers are advised that a minimum ratio of 1 adult per 12 children is required and they are responsible for the care and behaviour of the children throughout their visit.
<b>Food Hygiene</b>	Low	Signage and the provision of bins encourages dog owners to clean up after their animals. Adults supervising children should ensure children have washed their hands prior to eating. Place all litter in the bins provided.
<b>The Lake</b>	Medium	Signage warns of deep water. Children should be made aware of the potential danger.
<b>Falling Branches</b>	Low	Signage warns of falling branches.
<b>Protruding and/or Sharp Objects</b>	Medium	Children are asked to walk and not run at all times and to keep to the paths. Children should only ever touch sculptures under adult supervision. Any art materials such as pencils etc. should be returned to a supervising adult prior to moving around the Sculpture Garden and at no time should children be allowed to run with sharp objects in their possession.
<b>Art Materials (Sculpture Workshop)</b>	Low	Adults supervising children should ensure the correct and appropriate use of art tools and materials. Children should be advised to wash their hands after any art making sessions.
<b>The Deer (parkland only)</b>	Low	Children are asked not to approach / feed / chase the deer. The deer may bite if provoked. (Fallow deer are more sedate than other types of deer.)
<b>Traffic (parkland only)</b>	Low	There is a 20 mph speed limit in place through the parkland. Only staff members are permitted to drive through the park.
<b>Personal Hygiene &amp; Toilets</b>	Medium	All toilet facilities are shared by the general public. Appropriate procedures should be encouraged to ensure children are safe when making use of the facilities. Children should be encouraged to use toilet facilities safely and correctly. Please wash hands after visits are made to toilets and after touching things in the garden and around the park



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## Risk Assessment for Education Visits to the Garden of Surprises

### Shoes must be worn at all times in the Garden of Surprises

<b>Water Features</b>	Medium	Children should be warned of the potential danger of entering the water pools and discouraged from doing so. Do not drink the water from the various features. The levels of water in pools is kept to a minimum in many cases protective steel mesh is in place to reduce the depth of water that is accessible. Children should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Children must not try to jump over the central rill which runs from the Water House to Neptune's Grotto.
<b>Slippery Surfaces</b>	Medium	Near water features surfaces may be slippery. To avoid accidents children are asked to walk and not run at all times.
<b>Garden Features, Buildings and Sculptures.</b>	Low	Climbing on structures and solid features is forbidden, Please ensure children do not climb on features or buildings. Keep to the designated paths.
<b>Paddling Pool</b>	Low	Water has no depth. Area may be slippery – avoid quick or sudden movements. Jumping and running should be discouraged. Water is recycled and cleaned constantly.
<b>Mirror Maze</b>	Low	By its nature walking around the maze can be confusing. Children should walk and not run, trying to avoid bumping into mirrors at speed. Mirrors are not made of glass and are therefore quite safe when used correctly.
<b>Viewing Mound</b>	Medium	All users of the viewing mound should use the ramps correctly. Children must not try to climb up or down the sides of the viewing mound other than by the ramps provided. The hand rails are there to support and guide and should not be used as a climbing frame or play thing.
<b>Lost Children</b>	Medium	All teachers are advised that a minimum ratio of 1 adult per 12 children is required and they are responsible for the care and behaviour of the children throughout their visit.
<b>Personal Hygiene &amp; Toilets</b>	Medium	All toilet facilities are shared by the general public. Appropriate procedures should be encouraged to ensure children are safe when making use of the facilities. Children should be encouraged to use toilet facilities safely and correctly. Please encourage them use sinks, taps and plugs correctly and to leave floors as dry as possible and any paper waste disposed of correctly. Please wash hands after visits are made to toilets. Washing hands is also recommended after touching garden features and if they have touched water in fountains and pools.

**Please be aware that children can get wet if they are not supervised properly.  
Please ensure that the behaviour of your children does not distract or spoil the enjoyment of the gardens for other visitors.**