

KENWOOD, HAMPSTEAD, LONDON

Hazard information sheet for educational groups

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It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit being made. This is a requirement of most local education authorities. The following information is intended as a preparatory tool and does not replace a teacher's or group leader's own risk assessment. Please be aware that conditions at historic sites may change rapidly, and that you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit.

General

- The drop off point for coaches is on Hampstead Lane. This road can be very busy. Cars drive onto the site and across the car park using the same route as pedestrians.
- There are uneven surfaces throughout the house and gardens. Some areas have loose gravel surfaces and there may be potholes and various trip hazards around the site. Some cobbles and slabs may be slippery when wet.
- There are steep steps down to the Education Room, which can be slippery when wet. Pupils should be warned to hold onto the bannister for extra support, or alternatively, the Education Room can be accessed via the Old Service Wing which is wheelchair accessible. Please ask a member of staff for assistance.

The House

- The area in front of the house is fronted by a chain link fence which could be a trip hazard if jumped. Visitors should follow to the main path to the house.
- There are low lighting levels throughout the house to help conserve the fabric and paintings.
- Windows and display cabinets throughout the house do not contain safety glass.
- Many stairs and steps within the house are uneven in width.
- Some floors are covered with rugs, the edges of which could be trip hazards.
- Some tables have sharp corners, which are at 'head height' of small children.
- The fire alarm is not tested during "public hours" at any of our sites, therefore if the alarm is activated, exit the building. Teachers are responsible for a roll call.

- Ongoing conservation or maintenance work on site may cause additional temporary hazards. A member of staff will advise you of these when you make your planning visit.

The Grounds

- The external steps around the site are made of stone and can be uneven.
- There are a number of water features on the ground, including a large lake. The edges of these are fenced but extra care should be taken in these areas.
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- Please do not climb on any of the walls or trees.
- The estate is an 'open access' site for members of the public. Dogs are required (by a byelaw) to be on leads on most areas when walked in the estate (exception: West Meadow-near the Diary). Staff will always request any loose dogs to be on a lead but extra vigilance should be taken whilst on the grounds.
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