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Risk Assessment Guidance for Schools & Groups

This Document is intended to provide Guidance & Information to schools and groups visiting Blair Drummond Safari Park based on the current risk assessment. Please use this document to assist you in writing the Risk Assessment for your groups' visit.

This should be read in conjunction with the General Park Risk Assessment ARA-GEN-001, available on the park website.

This document is written for schools and groups of children, but can be referred to by any group visiting the park.

Safari Park Rules

- Speed Limit: 15mph
- Vehicles must follow the one-way system and park in suitable locations
- Follow all instructions given by Blair Drummond Safari Park personnel
- Always respect the animals
- Animals should not be fed and you should never attempt to touch them
- Do not distress animals by shouting, jumping around, tapping on glass, etc.
- Do not drop litter
- Do not climb on or over any barriers
- Do not pick or damage any plants
- Children and Groups must be supervised at all times

Further Information

If you require any further information or documentation regarding Health & Safety on the park, please contact: safety@blairdrummond.com or contact our office on 01786 843109.

The following guidance documentation should be referred to in planning your visit:

- A good practice guide for the health and safety of pupils on educational visits (DfEE)
- Preventing or controlling ill health from animal contact at visitor attractions

Summary of Site Assessment ARA-GEN-001			
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Guidelines for visiting Schools and Groups				
Main Activities or Areas Involved	School Responsibilities			
Road CrossingsCar Parks	 Classes should be supervised at all times Children must not be allowed to run in any car park or across any roadways Class should be prevented from climbing on unattended vehicles For groups of small children, high-vis vests should be considered 			
Drive through Safari areasDrive through Lion enclosureSea Lion show	 Children in vehicles must be warned not to open doors and windows (ideally doors should be child-locked) Children must not be allowed to reach over the glass partition at the sea-lion show Classes should be supervised at all times and prevented from touching the fences of animal enclosures 			
Pets FarmLemurland	 Classes should be supervised at all times Children should be quiet and calm when near animals Children must not feed the animals. Read warning signs Do not allow children to climb on barriers, or walls, or to put anything into an animal enclosure 			
 All areas of the park 	 Blair Drummond Staff will direct people into the nearest building or vehicle Follow all instructions given by Blair Drummond Staff Classes must be kept together – a head count should be carried out Report any issues (e.g. missing child) to a member of staff Do not leave the safe area until given the all clear 			
 Pets Farm Lemurland Play areas (Notably the sand pit) 	 After visiting the Pets Farm, Lemur-land, or the playground, everyone must wash hands at the facilities provided Children must be told not to eat or put their fingers into mouths etc. until hands are washed Do not let children kiss the animals, climb onto fences, touch tools or animal food, or make other unapproved contact Children should always be encouraged to wash hands prior to eating, regardless of what area of the park they are in 			

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 Play areas (Castle, climbing frame, swings, Astro Glide slide, etc.) Steps, stairs & other areas 	 Contact a member of staff who will radio for a first aider Report any incident to Blair Drummond staff, even if one of your party is a first aider For wasp stings, ice cubes can be obtained from the restaurant
RestaurantAny external powered equipment	❖ Classes should be supervised at all times
Sea Lion ShowRestaurantInside other park buildings	 Fire Information is always given out at the sea lion show – make sure you are aware of the procedures Fire escapes in buildings should be used in the event of the alarm being raised Do not allow children to touch or play with fire-fighting equipment
Playground Castle / Climbing frameSteps & viewing platform areas	 Children must be supervised in the playground at all times Blair Drummond staff do not supervise users of playground equipment such as the castle, swings, or roundabouts
Park walkwaysGrassy areasSteps & viewing platform areas	 Suitable footwear should be worn by all visitors to the park Do not allow children to run – particularly on wet grass, on stairways, or
Open Water banks (loch; river)Splash Cat Pedal Boats	 Children must be supervised at all times near open water If using boats, follow all safety directions given
Very Hot DaysVery Cold Days	Appropriate clothing should always be brought
 Castle Climbing Frames / Nets Swings Roundabouts Sand-pit; etc. 	 Children must be supervised in the playground at all times Blair Drummond staff do not supervise users of playground equipment such as the castle, swings, or roundabouts Report any issues of damaged or worn play equipment to a member of staff
Astro Glide SlideSplash Cat Pedal BoatsBouncy Castle	 Children must always be supervised when using amusement equipment Children must be warned to use the Astro-Glide carefully – stay on the mat, do not run over the bottom of the slides Follow all safety instructions given by the supervising member of staff
 Dodgems, Merry-go-round, mini- rollercoasters, etc. 	 Children must always be supervised when using amusement equipment Follow all safety instructions given by the supervising member of staff
PlaygroundWalking around other areas of the park	 Children must be supervised at all times You should have an arranged meeting point If a child becomes lost, contact a member of staff for assistance
 During the open season '24, there will be civil works to install a railway line. Work areas will be suitably fenced off 	 Contact with moving machinery Slip, trip, fall