



Health and Safety at the Mary Rose

These notes are for information only. Teachers and leaders are required to complete their own risk assessment prior to the visit. Free entry is available for this purpose.

MUSEUM

- The hazards in the museum are slight.
- Be aware the museum is housed in an old building with uneven floors.
- Light levels are low to protect the artefacts.
- There are steps up to the AV Theatre (wheelchair access is available via an alternative route) and to a viewing gallery in the museum.
- Handling of real and replica artefacts is available under museum staff or volunteer supervision. Some objects are heavy and/or pointed and care is needed.
- In the interactive Bonaventure Gallery exhibits (e.g. longbows, armour and mast) have been designed with safety in mind. However, close supervision by accompanying adults is essential. We ask teachers to take pupils into the area in small groups with an adult.

Appropriate behaviour from pupils and supervision by accompanying adults should be sufficient to mediate most risks.

ACTIVITY WORKSHOPS

Museum Classroom and Gun Drill

Pupils will be handling replica artefacts – none of which are of significant risk in their own right with appropriate handling and supervision. The Tudor gun drill involves lifting and moving parts of a wooden replica gun. Pupils are instructed in the correct way to do this and carefully supervised throughout.



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Sail-Loft Classroom

Getting to the Sail-Loft involves walking approx. 200 yards up the dockyard. (See advice for Historic Dockyard) There are very old uneven stairs to climb in Storehouse 10. The handrail should be used at all times. There is a manned lift for those unable to use the stairs.

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