## Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum Hazard Identification Updated August 2021

Please note:

- This is **not** a risk assessment. As stated in the Department of Education's 'Safe Keeping' publication, "the group leader should carry out a risk assessment"
- In the case of an emergency please contact a member of staff
- Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums highly recommends that group leaders conduct preliminary visits
- Group leaders should take the behaviour and ability of their group into consideration when compiling a risk assessment
- It is the responsibility of the group leader to monitor the behaviour and safety of their group

This Hazard Identification highlights the everyday risks that groups may incur. Please telephone Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum on (0191) 2784217 to enquire about possible building work taking place or hazards in temporary exhibitions.

| Hazard identification                                   | Risk and to whom   | Existing control measures<br>set up by Tyne & Wear<br>Archives & Museums  | Further action to be taken<br>by the school / group leader<br>(add own comments)                               |
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| Cars / buses / access in car<br>park                    | Visitors and staff could be hit or knocked over.                     | Pedestrian barrier brick wall with railings   | Planned pick up/ put down<br>point.<br>Children to be supervised at<br>all times by school staff.              |
| Open air Fort Site – that<br>includes:                  | All staff and visitors   | Exit and entrance points<br>limited and the Fort Site<br>fenced off from general public<br>area.<br>Dangerous areas fenced off. | Schools responsible for<br>supervision and head counts.<br>Ensure children don't climb on<br>railings or banks |
| Small banks, uneven ground and loose gravel and stones. | Slipping and falling on banks,<br>uneven ground and loose<br>stones. | Paths clearly identified.<br>Grounds inspected daily by site staff  | Ensure children don't throw<br>stones<br>Suitable outdoor clothing and<br>footwear to be worn by visitors      |
| Roman water tank  | Falling into water tank  | Water tank is labelled and fenced off   | Adult supervision at all times   |
| Road crossing to adjoining wall site.                   | Traffic accident involving staff and visitors                        | Road crossing is automated<br>Zebra crossing with traffic<br>lights   | Children accompanied and supervised crossing road.   |
| Herb Garden   | Pollen / plant / herb allergies                                      | Herb garden in designated<br>area<br>Trained first aid staff on site  | Notification to museum staff of<br>plant allergies and avoidance<br>of plant and/or herb garden                |
| Children's Climbing Frame                               | Falls, collisions and slipping                                       | Condition of climbing frame<br>and surrounding area checked<br>daily by staff for maintenance                                   | Adult supervision at all times   |

|                               |                              | and annually for insurance.    |                                |
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| Lifts                         | All staff and visitors       | Numbers of people allowed in   | Adult supervision              |
|                               | Traps in doors or other      | lifts stated inside lifts.     | Check lift's carrying capacity |
|                               | moving parts                 | Spoken information inside      |                                |
|                               |                              | tower lift                     |                                |
| Museum Site –inside buildings | All staff and visitors       | Daily checks carried out by    | Adult supervision of children  |
| and galleries                 |                              | site staff.                    | Contact nearest staff in case  |
|                               |                              | Equipment maintained           | of accident / emergency        |
|                               |                              | Trained first aid site staff   |                                |
| Glass walls and partitions    | Bumping into glass walls,    | Safety glass used.             | Special care when moving       |
| ·                             | partitions and displays.     | Raised awareness with          | around site.                   |
|                               | People breaking window       | graphics on glass.             |                                |
|                               | glass: cuts, falls           |                                |                                |
| Hands on exhibits             | Climbing, slips and falls    | Moving parts kept to a         | As above                       |
|                               |                              | minimum. Instructions clearly  |                                |
|                               |                              | labelled. Wall reconstruction  |                                |
|                               |                              | roped off.                     |                                |
| Balconied areas.              | Falling items from balconies | Secure and substantial railing | As above                       |
|                               |                              | on all balconies               |                                |
| All stairways and doorways    | All staff and visitors       | Finger guards on doorways      | Adult supervision and control  |
|                               |                              |                                | of groups. No running          |
|                               | Slips, trips and falls       |                                |                                |
|                               | Trapped fingers / hands      |                                |                                |
| Museum Shop                   | All staff and visitors       | Limited number of children in  | Children to be supervised by   |
|                               |                              | shop                           | adults at all times.           |
|                               |                              |                                |                                |
|                               | Slips, collisions.           | Site staff awareness           | Groups in shop to be kept to   |
|                               |                              | CCTV                           | 10.                            |

|                                     | Food allergies   | All sweets and snacks are wrapped and labelled.   | Awareness of allergies to<br>ingredients in potential<br>purchases  |
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| Museum Education / Activity<br>Room | All staff and visitors   | Rooms cleaned and inspected<br>daily by staff.<br>Specific activity risk<br>assessments completed by<br>museum staff.                       | Adult supervision at all times.   |
|                                     | Slips and falls, knocks from collisions.   | Ensure children have sufficient<br>space to work in and split into<br>small groups when<br>appropriate.                                     | Adult supervision at all times.   |
|                                     |  | If used for lunch guidance to use given   | Group to clear space after packed lunches and ensure nothing is left on the floor.  |
|                                     | Knocks or injury from weight of replica objects.   | Teachers and children advised how to handle objects safely.   | Adult supervision at all times.   |
|                                     | Use of craft tools and materials e.g. (scissors and glue)  | All sharp objects locked away when not in supervised use.   |   |
| High glass windows                  | Falling from window or sill  | Windows on safety catches.<br>No one to sit on windowsills  | Adult supervision at all times.   |
| Covid-19 measures                   | Entering museum: potential<br>contact with staff or visitors-<br>risk of spread of Covid-19 to<br>staff and school group | Front of house will be behind a<br>screen. All staff will maintain a<br>distance of 2m and wear a<br>mask when moving around the<br>museum. | One member of staff should<br>enter museum reception first<br>to register group before<br>bringing the children into the<br>museum. |

|           |  | Staff will ensure Reception<br>area is clear of area before<br>school group is brought into<br>the museum.  | Children or adults displaying<br>symptoms of Covid-19 should<br>not enter the museum.   |
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| ri<br>  a | Contact with general public-<br>isk of spread of Covid-19<br>among staff, school group and<br>other visitors | Only one school will be able to visit per day.  | Adults should keep to the timetable and allocated areas for each activity.  |
|           |  | Floor 4 if booked for school<br>lunch space will only be used<br>by school group. School will<br>therefore also have access to<br>their own toilets. The activity<br>room and adjourning toilets<br>will also be closed to the<br>general public during school<br>visits.   |   |
|           |  | The Roman Gallery and fort<br>site will be open to general<br>visitors whilst school groups<br>visit it- school groups are<br>therefore reminded to ensure<br>social distancing is maintained<br>between school groups and<br>members of the general<br>public. The Front of Team will<br>monitor numbers and only<br>allow a safe amount of visitors | School groups should social<br>distance themselves from<br>general visitors whilst visiting<br>the fort and wall site and<br>Roman Gallery. |

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|  | The Viewing Tower will be<br>booked so that schools only<br>can visit this.  | Schools are reminded to keep<br>to their itineraries so that they<br>are able to visit the viewing<br>tower and avoid contact with<br>general visitors. |
| Use of toilets: risk of touching<br>contaminated surfaces, risk of<br>spread of Covid-19 among<br>staff and school group     | School groups will use toilets<br>adjacent to Daniels Room (if<br>used as lunch space) and<br>activity room. These toilets will<br>be closed to the general<br>public. | Adults should ensure crowding<br>does not occur outside toilets<br>and keep children to a one in<br>one out system.                                     |
|  | The toilets will be cleaned thoroughly before and after each school group visits.  |   |
|  | Soap and hand sanitiser will be provided.  | Adults should advise children<br>to use soap and wash their<br>hands thoroughly for at least  |
|  | Groups should use a one in one out system.   | 20 seconds after using the toilets.   |
| Use of Daniels Room/ activity<br>room for lunch- risk of<br>touching contaminated<br>surfaces, risk of spread of<br>Covid-19 | Chairs, tables, floors and<br>doors will be cleaned in these<br>rooms and will only be open to<br>school groups  |   |
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| Storage of coats and bags-<br>potential for crowding- risk of<br>spread of Covid-19 among<br>staff and school groups | Children will place coats and<br>bags in Daniels Room when<br>using this as a lunch space.  | Adults should ensure children<br>wash their hands thoroughly<br>before and after eating.   |
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|  | If using activity room as a<br>lunch space then facilitator will<br>instruct teacher/adults with<br>class to supervise children's<br>use of cloakrooms. | Children should place their<br>coat and bag on one chair and<br>use the same chair at lunch<br>time.<br>Adults should ensure crowding<br>does not occur outside or<br>inside the cloakroom and keep<br>children to a one in one out<br>system. |