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SECONDARY SCHOOLS A Guide to your Pre-Visit

When making a pre visit, please consider the following. If you cannot let us know when you are making your pre-visit, then just present your booking form at the Entrance. Pre-visits are free of charge for staff accompanying the students.

Risk Assessments

We have provided you with our 'Guide to making a risk assessment around the gardens.' This is to help you put together your R.A. with your students in mind.

www.rhs.org.uk/Children/For-schools/School-visits/Harlow-Carr/Primary-school-visits

A risk assessment has been made for all the teacher led activities and these are available **on request**.

Points to consider on your pre-visit:

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Coach Drop off Point!

This is situated **directly** outside the shop allowing you to walk your students safely down the ramp to the entrance. **Please make the pick up and drop off points clear to the coach driver.** The pick up point is a lay by on the other side of the road. It is accessed via the ramp with a road crossing point.

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Lunch

Please note that there is no lunch box transport so do make sure that individual students can carry their own lunches.

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Rubbish

There are no bins in the gardens. **Please take all your rubbish home.**

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If it's picnic weather!

If you are eating outside you are welcome to picnic anywhere in the garden apart from the benches outside Betty's Tea House. There are a large number of benches in the Teaching Garden.

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Trails and Hunts

If you are using our trails and hunts now is the time to become familiar with the routes. These can be found in our self guided pack:

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Do check for changes to the gardens that may affect your routes.

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Finding your way around

Familiarise yourself with the layout of the garden. (There are maps available at the entrance).

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Toilets

Make sure you are aware of the toilet sites. These are at the Entrance, by the Bath House and in the Bramall Learning Centre (accessed under the foyer stairs)

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Special Requirements

If your party includes children/adults with physical difficulties, now is the time to familiarise yourself with the distances and gradients of the paths. The garden map (available at the entrance), marks wheelchair routes in yellow. Please make the Education Staff aware of any special needs and requirements.

**If your pre-visit raises any queries please ring our schools line on 01423 724646.
We want to ensure that you have a successful visit.**