



## **Strawberry How Nursery School**

### **Visit to Lake District Coast Aquarium and Mawbray Beach - Risk Assessment**

This trip will take place between 9.45am –3.00pm.

Transport will consist of a small 52 seater coach (with a driver who has been CRB checked) supplied by Robert Benson. The coach will remain with the group. Parents were initially given notification via a letter and in the Nursery's July Newsletter and by email, they were asked to request a place if they wished their child to participate.

The children will have their morning snack before they leave the nursery. Their packed lunches will include a carton of fresh fruit juice, a sausage sandwich, squeezey tube yoghurt, a biscuit and a packet of crisps.

Mr Richardson and Mrs Richardson will visit the site the day before the visit to ensure the beach area is safe and free of any dangerous items.

The children will leave the Nursery at 9.45am on the coach and travel to the Lake District Aquarium. Once there, they will meet up with the Aquarium tour guide Tom. They will be led around the Aquarium by the guide for approximately 1hr 30 mins. If the weather is not favourable for an outdoor picnic lunch the children will eat it in an area made available by the Aquarium.

Reconnaissance information attached.

Risks defined 1 – 5 (with 5 offering significant risk)

#### **Assessment of Risk – the overall setting – Lake District Coast Aquarium (RA 1)**

The Lake District Aquarium is in Maryport approximately 8.3 miles away from the nursery. It will take 25 mins to get there by coach. There is good, safe access to the Aquarium from the bus without crossing any roads. This risk assessment is to be used along side the Lake District Coast Aquarium's general risk assessment, (see in risk assessment file).

#### **Assessment of Risk – Clothing (RA1)**

Parents will be advised by letter to dress their children in clothing suitable for an outside beach walk/activity bearing in mind the changeable nature of Cumbrian weather. Children will need suitable footwear for walking on gravelled, sand and mud paths. If any child has a cut or graze on their hand this must be covered with a waterproof dressing.

#### **Assessment of Risk – Transport to Mawbray Beach (RA 1)**

A 52 seater coach with driver has been hired from Robert Benson. The coach is fitted with seat belts – no children will occupy the front seats, and child booster seats (platform type) will be used to accommodate standard seat belt fittings. Nursery will provide booster seats for all the children. Distance = 7 miles and takes 20 minutes along country roads.

### **Assessment of Risk – Footpaths (RA 1-2)**

From the parking area to the gated entrance of the path the ground under foot is RA2 with loose gravel and a dry hard surface. The children will need to be carefully supervised from the car park to the entrance of the foot path. The footpaths in and around the beach area are largely dry mud and compacted sand and grass with some wooden decking section and while they provide a small risk of slipping this is acceptable at RA1.5.

### **Assessment of Risk – The Irish Sea and shore line (RA 1-2)**

It will be low tide at lunch time while the children are eating their lunch and exploring the beach. Whilst there is a minimal risk to the children, the adults will supervise the children at all times. The staff will also instruct the children on the proper way to play near water before they embark on the trip. No child will be allowed to go in the sea.

### **Assessment of Risk – Food (RA 1)**

The children will have a snack and drink before they leave nursery. At lunch time the children will join in with a picnic style lunch to eat their packed lunches. Alternatively, if the weather isn't appropriate for a picnic style lunch a room is provided by the aquarium for the children and staff to use. Food to be taken on the trip will include fresh juice cartons, sausage sandwiches, tube yoghurts, biscuits and packets of crisps. A member of staff will be responsible for the preparing and distributing the packed lunches. All the children will have their hands thoroughly washed before, during (alcohol-based hand wash) and on their return. During their visit the children will be instructed to keep their hands away from their mouths.

### **Assessment of Risk – Medical (RA 1)**

This risk assessment identifies a medical risk from the visit as no greater than any normal activity within the outside confines of the Nursery. There is also an element of walking on unlevelled ground which will be supervised by the adults. The walk on the beach and surrounding areas is actually far shorter than the recent walk to Cockermouth.

### **Items to take on the visit will include:**

- First Aid kit
- Bucket/Paper towels
- Bottled Hand Wash
- Mobile telephones
- Emergency telephone numbers
- Medical information
- Play Equipment
- Food
- Large bottle of water
- Paper napkins and plastic cups
- Black Bin Bags