

## RANGER'S HOUSE – THE WERNHER COLLECTION, GREENWICH

### Hazard Information for Education Visits

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to the site visit. The following information is intended as an aid and does not replace the group leader's own risk assessment. We recommend coming to the site on a free planning visit, to help you with your risk assessment. Please note: where possible, English Heritage staff at the site will be happy to assist you with your queries, but cannot check or sign any section of your risk assessment.

Environmental conditions at historic sites may change rapidly and you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit. Most accidents are the result of slips and trips so please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and dress sensibly for the site and weather. Please be aware that the site may close at short notice due to adverse weather. Where applicable, stonework and trees at our sites are inspected regularly; however, extreme weather conditions can sometimes affect stonework and trees so as well as following any staff instructions and being mindful of temporary barriers and signage, please remain vigilant at all times. On-going conservation work may pose a temporary hazard; a member of staff will advise you of any works when you visit. Dogs on leashes may be present on site.

All learners who are 16 years or younger must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times whilst on site.

#### Moving vehicles may pose a hazard upon arrival and while on the site.

- There is parking at Chesterfield Walk owned by Greenwich Council, but coaches must park on Charlton Walk.
- Cars drive across the car park using the same route as pedestrians.

#### Measures to conserve the collection may pose hazards when exploring the house.

- Please follow the suggested route given by staff to avoid congestion.
- There are low lighting levels throughout the house to help conserve the fabric, objects and paintings.
- Windows and display cabinets throughout the house do not contain safety glass; do not lean on the glass.
- Some tables and display cabinets have sharp corners, which are at head height for small children.
- Several areas are roped off to the general public for the safety of the collection. Please do not attempt to cross the rope barriers or pull on the rope which will sound the alarm system.

#### Staircase treads and flooring may be worn and uneven; always use the handrail where provided.

- Steps, stairs and floors may all be uneven.
- In wet weather, the grass outside may become slippery and there may be various trip hazards around the site.
- Flooring inside the house is made of flag stones and is uneven and worn. Certain conditions may render the floor slippery in places.

#### Covid-19 and flu.

- We follow government and [NHS guidelines](#) to reduce the risk of transmission. Please also follow their guidance and do not visit if you have flu or Covid-19 symptoms or have recently tested positive.