

Even on its own this visit will be very valuable and we hope will save lives. However, we want to offer the opportunity to West Midlands primary schools to integrate the visit into the core curriculum. To this end we will be developing curriculum resources and teaching plans enabling you to meet objectives in Literacy, Maths, Science and IT in school, both before and after a visit to Safeside, using the themes at the Centre. Keeps up to date with development on www.safeside.org.uk

Questions?

If you have any questions about the programme, please don't hesitate to give us a ring on 0121 380 6429 or email rob.hattersley@wmfs.net.

For queries about your booking details please contact our admin team on safeside@wmfs.net or the same phone number.

Safeside Primary School Visits Policy

Group Size

Minimum group size is 24

Where this is not possible there are the following options:

1. Combine with other schools (e.g. in a cluster) to make numbers
2. Combine Y4/5/6 year groups and visit every 2 or 3 years
3. Safeside can pair groups from different schools for the same session
4. The school can pay for 24 children even if they bring fewer pupils

Charging

- Minimum group charge is for 24 visitors.
- Schools will be charged per pupil that visit on the day.
- If the actual visitor numbers are less than 80 percent of the number booked, schools will still be charged for 80 percent attendance.

Cancellation

- If schools cancel the visit more than a month beforehand there is no cancellation charge.
- If schools cancel less than a month in advance 50% of the booking fee is payable.

Safeside is based at the new WMFS Headquarters:

Safeside, West Midlands Fire Service, 101 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham B7 4HW

www.safeside.org.uk

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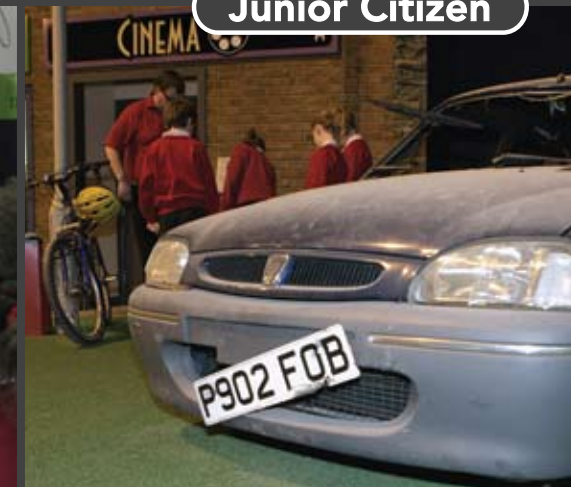


**IMPORTANT:
PLEASE ENSURE
ALL ACCOMPANYING
ADULTS READ**



Safeside Schools Briefing

Junior Citizen



The Year 5 Junior Citizen programme includes:

- What to do in an emergency
- Home safety
- Road safety
- Safe routes
- Bus safety
- Water safety
- Keeping public space safe and attractive
- Restricted goods and looking after money
- Effects of hoax calls
- Fire safety
- Personal safety
- In car safety
- Train safety

Schedule for Upper Juniors

Start and finish times can be adjusted on request although please bear in mind that our Volunteer Visitor Guides need their lunch!

MORNING

Lunch

AFTERNOON

09.45 – 10.00 Arrival
10.00 Introduction
10.10 Safety Village
11.50 Plenary
12.00 End of session

12.45 – 13:00 Arrival
13:00 Introduction
13.10 Safety Village
14.50 Plenary
15.00 End of session



Junior Citizen

Water bottles and toilets

Please ensure that children bring their own re-usable water bottles. A water filter will be provided but bottles are not. It is likely that the children will need a drink during their visit. We will ask all children to visit the toilet before the session starts to minimise disruption.

Lunch

Schools are welcome to use a room at Safeside for packed lunches if this makes the timing of the day more convenient for you. Please book this with Reception to prevent clashes with other schools.

Coats and bags

Children should not take coats or bags into the Safety Village itself. Coats and bags can be left in the Conference Room which can be locked. However, belongings are left at visitors risk and Safeside cannot take responsibility for items left on the premises.

Grouping

Please do not group the children before the visit. Experience shows that the visit is more effective if the Centre groups your children at random. Teachers are often

surprised at how well 'certain' characters work together in this environment – please give them a chance. We will group your children during the introductory session into groups of up to 6 children.

Labels

We will provide each of your pupils with a name label so you do not need to.

*** Special Needs and Medical Conditions ***

Please make sure that you have informed us of any special requirements (e.g. mobility or sensory impairment). We will do our best to adapt for this. One of our scenarios uses strobe lighting. It is vital that you inform us if any of your children suffer from epilepsy as this effect will then be turned off.

*** Special circumstances***

It is very important that we know in advance if any of your children have experienced any recent personal issues relating to accidents, drug use or a death in the family that might make some of the scenarios difficult for them. We can then inform our guides who can amend a session or be especially sensitive about any specific issues.

Teachers and other helpers

If teachers would like to see Safeside before their children visit please contact reception so that a tour can be arranged for you at a convenient time. If you prefer a tour when your children are here please let us know so that we can ensure a staff member is available. **However, we ask that teachers and other helpers, including learning assistants, do not accompany any of the groups or wander around the safety village on their own.** The children will not need reading or writing help. We have designed the session to help keep children with behavioural difficulties motivated and on task. One of our objectives is that children develop both independence from adults, and reliance on the other members of their team in these real-life situations.

The only exception to this rule will be if children require physical or communication assistance, for example from a signer.

During the 2 hour tour, teachers and other helpers are welcome to make use of our staffroom and help themselves to refreshments, although we do ask all staff to attend the briefing and plenary sessions. Feel free to bring some work to do if you wish.

Making better use of a Safeside visit

The visit has been developed for upper KS2 pupils. These visits will provide children with safety and citizenship education in 10 different areas over a 2 hour period.

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