



Schools Health and Safety Information

Thank you so much for choosing to bring your students to our theatres. We recognise that visits of this kind necessitate additional work, therefore the following information is provided to support teachers in writing risk assessments for visits. Please note that teachers or accompanying adults are responsible for the care of students and their behaviour whilst visiting our theatre and students should be accompanied at all times.

We ask for a ratio of one teacher per ten students. We recommend that all adults supporting the group have prior knowledge of group members and carry a register. During performance times, teachers are allocated a 'teacher ticket' in order that they can easily be located in an emergency, and to ensure that they are seated with their students.

Please note that the RSC operates a '*small bags only*' policy for entry to the auditorium. There is currently no Cloakroom. All bags are checked on entry, so please leave extra time to allow for this. We'd encourage large groups not to bring bags if possible. Cages may be available to store bags without the need for them to be checked – they would only be available again at the end of the performance.

The below provides a general outline of the risks and control measures identified by the RSC. More information is available on request. We look forward to welcoming you to our theatres.

Risk	Control Measures
Fire	Any evacuation controlled by Duty Manager. Performance Fire Officer on duty overseeing any stage effects. Staff fully trained and drilled in evacuation routes. Fire extinguishers serviced regularly and checked weekly. No smoking policy in place. Weekly alarm tests. Daily checks on exit routes. All evacuation routes are highlighted and clear. Good housekeeping at all times.



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Slips, trips, and falls	<p>Designated staff check that areas are clear and safe before the public is admitted.</p> <p>Good housekeeping will be maintained in all areas.</p> <p>Good lighting levels throughout all buildings.</p> <p>Emergency lighting provided during a power cut.</p> <p>Non-public areas are locked with an access pass system.</p> <p>Latecomers to the auditorium are not admitted until a suitable and safe point and are briefed on what to expect on entry.</p> <p>Staff provided with torches to guide public when it is dark inside the auditorium.</p> <p>No items should be placed on the handrails on the upper levels.</p> <p>Staff monitor stage, public areas, and audiences to ensure safety.</p> <p>Pre-show checks completed by staff so that seats and aisles are clear of obstructions and hazards and are safe. Auditorium not opened until checks are complete.</p>
Lost persons	<p>Accompanying adults should remain with groups at all times.</p> <p>Staff are clearly visible and are always on radio and can contact the Duty Manager to escalate any situation.</p> <p>Security staff present on-site.</p>
Illness or injury	<p>First aiders on-site at all times.</p> <p>No glass or hot drinks permitted into the auditorium.</p> <p>Small bags only permitted inside the auditorium.</p> <p>Staff are on radio to call for assistance at any time.</p> <p>Accompanying adults should remain with an injured minor at all times.</p>



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Charging electronic items using plug sockets in public areas	<p>No items larger than laptops should be plugged into RSC plug sockets.</p> <p>Items being charged must be beside their owners and not left unattended.</p>
Covid-19 transmission	<p>All staff and visitors are asked that they are in good health, free from symptoms of illness and required to self-isolate before arriving on-site.</p> <p>Staff to manage queues and ensure social distancing is being followed. We will encourage 1m+ social distancing where possible in the public areas and seek to minimise queuing wherever possible.</p> <p>Extensive staff training provided.</p> <p>Enhanced levels of cleaning throughout the public areas, in particular toilets and touch points. This will continue throughout the day, before, during and after each performance. The auditorium seating will be fogged twice weekly.</p> <p>The NHS Track & Trace will be available at all public entrances for members of the public to use if they so wish.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser provided throughout the public areas.</p> <p>Hand washing facilities available for staff and visitors</p> <p>Contactless bag checks in operation.</p> <p>Contactless payments only, no cash will be accepted on site.</p> <p>Digital tickets encouraged as much as possible</p> <p>Staff will be wearing face coverings at all times.</p> <p>The audience are encouraged to wear a face covering, unless exempt.</p> <p>The public areas will be kept well ventilated by keeping external doors and windows open during incomings, intervals, and outgoings. The RST's air handling system inside will refresh the air in this space throughout the performance (and for two hours either side).</p>