



<b>About the London Eye</b>	
<p>When pupils are enjoying a lesson it shows. It shows in their attention levels, in the effort they put in and the results they achieve. The Education Programme at the London Eye offers maximum educational value through unique and stimulating learning experiences. From every angle, the London Eye is an exceptionally useful and inspiring educational tool. This is because so many different disciplines went into its creation and there are so many ways in which it can be used to exemplify aspects of learning; whether in specific areas such as design, technology, architecture and engineering, or more broadly to promote numeracy and literacy, commercial or community issues.</p>	
<b>About Merlin Entertainments Group</b>	
<p>Merlin Entertainments Group is the leading name in location based, quality family entertainment. Now the world's number two visitor attraction operator, it aims to deliver unique, memorable and rewarding experiences to its 67 million visitors worldwide, through its iconic global and local brands, and the commitment and passion of its managers and employees. Merlin has over 130 attractions, in 25 countries, across three continents - Europe, North America and Asia.</p>	
<b>Legal requirements and attraction information</b>	
Public Liability	The London Eye is covered by Public Liability Insurance to the amount of £10 million. The Policy is with Chubb European Group Limited (Policy No UKCANC33447).
Local Enforcement Agency	Lambeth Council.
Rides Engineering / Maintenance	Fairground and Amusement Parks – Guidance on Safe Practices HSG 65 and 175
Food Safety and Hygiene	The food units operate in accordance with the Food Safety Act 1990 and are regularly inspected by the local Environmental Health Department, and undergo regular internal health and safety audits carried out by Merlin Entertainments.

Attraction Staff / Staff identification	Venue staff wear uniforms and name badges for easy identification. Full criminal record checks are carried out on all first aiders and permanent front of house staff.
Security	The attraction has a dedicated security team who are able to deal with minor security issues on site. The team is also trained to deal with emergency incidents that may arise.
COVID-19	<p>We've been awarded the VisitEngland 'We're Good to Go' industry charter mark. This verifies that our attraction meets the Government and public health guidance on COVID-19 and that we have all the required health and safety processes in place to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable visit.</p> <p>The health and safety of our guests and staff is our absolute priority. We continue to have additional hygiene throughout our attraction, including enhanced cleaning and hand sanitiser points. Please check our website before you visit for the latest information. Should you or any member of your group start displaying any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 please refrain from visiting. Please always remain within your group, keeping a safe distance between you and other guests. Please ensure you consider your teacher to child ratio to help enforce/manage this.</p>
<b>Risk assessment</b>	
Vehicle traffic	If there is work going on in or around the Queens Walk area there may be vehicle traffic. Supervision is required at all times.
Weather protection / Sun safety	School parties can be kept queuing in all weather conditions. Only those booked into a private capsule or for a School Discovery Experience are fast tracked. Please dress for changeable weather.
Water	The London Eye is situated on the river Thames. Whilst there is no access to the river from the attraction, pupils / students must be supervised at all times to ensure safety. There are water effects in the 4D cinema these include mist dispensers and small water squirts.
Slips/ Trips/ Falls	The following hazards should be noted: steps and stairs, moving capsule when boarding, wet flooring
High level areas	Whilst there are no high-level areas per se, those who suffer from vertigo may find the experience uncomfortable. Supervision is required when getting on and off the capsule.
Strobe lighting	Strobe lighting effects are used in the 4D Cinema
Reduced lighting	N/A



Enclosed spaces	Guests are enclosed in the pod for 30 minutes and whilst the pod is large, some individuals may feel confined. However the capsule cannot be defined as a confined space.
Attraction specific risk	Care must be taken when boarding because the capsules are continually moving. Supervision is required.
Door entrapment	Please make sure all children are away from the capsule door when opening. Please follow the audio instruction for this in capsule.
Rides	The London Eye experience time is 30 minutes. Supervision is required throughout.
Soft play areas / Play equipment	N/A
<b>Attraction arrangements</b>	
Arrival arrangements	If you are bringing a group by minibus or coach and need to drop off and pick up your group at the London Eye, please note that space is very limited, and you are required to book a coach-parking bay. This service is complimentary, but must be booked in advance by e-mailing <a href="mailto:coach@londoneye.com">coach@londoneye.com</a> with the following details: Date of visit, time of visit (drop off and pick up times), number of guests, number of coaches, site visiting, coach company, vehicle Registration/s, driver's name. Please note that you are only permitted to use a parking bay for 20 minutes whilst you drop off and then pick up your group and you are not permitted to stay whilst the group visits the London Eye.
Parking	Please go to the 'Visitor Information' pages on the website for the most convenient car park in relation to the attraction.
First aid	The London Eye has a medical / first aid facility which is operated by a dedicated team of qualified first aiders. Nearest hospital: St Thomas' Hospital
Emergency planning	The London Eye has a contingency plan in the event of an emergency. The emergency plan has been developed in conjunction with the local emergency services who have regular meetings regarding emergency procedures.
Fire safety	In the event of an emergency please follow all evacuation procedures.
Wheelchair access	The London Eye is fully accessible for wheelchair users. Due to safety restrictions, only two wheelchairs per capsule and up to eight wheelchairs are allowed on the London Eye at the same time. Wheelchair spaces should be pre-booked in advance. During busy periods, wheelchair users are strongly advised to pre-book to avoid disappointment.
Lost children	Please report to member of staff or security guard.
Unruly children	The attraction has regulations displayed at the entrance. Staff are trained to enforce these regulations for the benefit of all guests. Staff will instruct children to behave where necessary.



Age / height restrictions	The minimum age restriction for children to enter the attraction without an adult is 16; any child 15 and under must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18.
Lockers / storage facilities	There are no lockers or storage facilities.
Eating facilities	There are several independent food outlets in close proximity. Jubilee Gardens is suitable for picnics.
Welfare facilities	There are disabled toilets in the experience zone and public and disabled facilities in County Hall.
Additional costs	There is a retail outlet and picture booth where additional funds may be appropriate.
Attraction signposting	N/A

The purpose of this document is to enable schools / groups to use the information provided for the development of visit risk assessments in order to satisfy the obligations placed by the Health and Safety at Work Act and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations. The above hazards have been identified as being inherent to this attraction. Merlin Entertainments Group Ltd does not accept liability for any omissions to this list. Control measures indicated are recommendations only and must be adapted / amended by group organisers. Please ensure adequate supervisors are appointed for the number in your group.