

FAQs - Junior Citizen

Here are some answers to the most commonly asked questions about the Junior Citizen programme at Safeside.

What are the visit times?

There are two sessions per day as shown below:

Morning session: 0945 arrival - 1215 departure.

Afternoon session: 1245 arrival - 1515 departure.

How many children can be accommodated in one visit?

Each session can take up to 66 children. If there are small visitor numbers in a school group, we may arrange for another school to share the session to make full use of the facility.

How many teachers need to attend the visit?

We recommend that you only bring the number of teachers/parents required for the visit as per your school's criteria. Prior to the tour, children are split into smaller groups by Safeside staff and teachers accompany a group around the village for observational reasons. It is not a requirement for all groups to have a teacher present.

We ask that accompanying adults observe only and do not engage during the tour. We recognise that this is not usual practise for teachers especially, but we find that children learn most if they experience the tour independently. Please allow our trained guides to take the lead.

Will there be a break time for the children during the visit?

As the programme is timed, there will be not be a designated break; however it is advised that children bring their own re-useable water bottle to make use of the water filters before and after the session. Schools are welcome to book the lunch room at Safeside for packed lunches if this is more convenient for the school.

How much will the visit cost and how does the school make payment?

There is an admission fee of £5.00 per child and an invoice will be sent to the school following the visit. There is no cost for teachers, parents or carers within the numbers stated above.

Is transport provided?

It is the responsibility of the school to arrange and fund their own transport to and from the centre.

What follow-up work can be done to build on the children's knowledge following the visit to Safeside?

Safeside has developed a Junior Citizen Activity booklet which has been extremely popular and many teachers have used it in lessons to follow up the visit or to send home. There is a charge of £1 per booklet. An example of the booklet and an order form will be sent out to you as part of the confirmation pack following a booking. The booklets can be picked up on the day of the visit and the costs will be invoiced to you following the visit.

The booklet is copyright. Photocopying, scanning or any other means of duplication is illegal.

We are also trialling some classroom-based teaching resources which will be online shortly and will be available free of charge to schools for download and copying without any limits.

What if the booking information changes before the visit date?

It is possible that some information may change between the time of booking and the actual visit date. Safeside staff will contact you by telephone the week prior to your visit to confirm that all information is correct and you are happy with the arrangements for the visit. The school are welcome to contact Safeside at any time should there be any questions or queries about the visit.

For further information contact: 0121 380 6429, email safeside@wmfs.net or visit www.safeside.org.uk