

## FAQs - Lifeskills

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

### **What is the difference between Lifeskills and NGAGE?**

They are both very similar in terms of content, but differ in delivery style and timings. Lifeskills runs only in school hours, on Tuesdays during term time as it includes community theatre students from Birmingham City University. NGAGE can run any time, and is an adapted version of Lifeskills which is run by our own Presenters. Both programmes are interactive. NGAGE might be more suitable for wider age ranges or those with behavioural difficulties whilst Lifeskills is ideal for Year 8 groups from secondary schools.

### **What are the visit times?**

There are two Lifeskills sessions per Tuesday during term time as follows:

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 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.

### **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

### **Is transport provided?**

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

### **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 updated 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.

### **Are any follow up curriculum resources provided?**

Not at present. However it is something we aim to provide in the future.

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