COVID-19 guidance notes for educational visits

We are delighted to welcome you back - with some changes.
So that everyone can relax and enjoy their visit, things look a bit different.

Our priority is the health and safety of our visitors and staff, so we have put social distancing and hygiene measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. To comply with Test and Trace procedures, if needed, we will use lead teachers contact details provided on the booking form.

Please ensure all pupils and accompanying adults are fully briefed before your visit.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don’t hesitate to get in touch at: education@botanic.cam.ac.uk or 01223 331875

FACILITIES AND STAYING SAFE IN THE GARDEN

Undercover areas
At the current time we are unable to offer use of the Garden Room classroom to any visiting groups and as such there is no undercover shelter available on site. Come prepared to embrace the elements! Bring stout footwear, waterproofs, hat and/or sun block according to the season.

Glasshouses
Unfortunately visiting groups are not permitted in the glasshouses at the current time.

In the Garden
We are asking all groups to move around the Garden in groups of 10 or less (including adults). When you are in the Garden, please respect the social distancing rules and keep a 2m distance from those not part of your bubble at all times. If it is not possible to keep to the 2m social distancing rules outside, we ask that secondary school children and adults wear face masks, just as our staff and volunteers will.

Toilets
Toilets, including disabled toilet, are located in the Garden Room in the Schools’ Garden. Please note these toilets are also open to the general public. A queuing system is in place, as well as hand sanitiser for use prior to entering, which is one person/household group or bubble at a time. There is also a disabled toilet beside the Brookside Gate. Adults and children of secondary school age, are required to wear a face mask in toilet areas.

Handwashing
There are hand basins and trough sinks for handwashing in the foyer and toilets of the Garden Room. Please help to keep everybody safe by ensuring all members of your group wash their hands with soap and water regularly.

Sanitiser stations
There are stations with hand sanitiser throughout the Garden including at both gates and outside the Garden Room.

Lunchtime facilities
You are welcome to picnic within the Garden anywhere you wish. There are areas with picnic benches and tables or you could bring picnic blankets and picnic on the Main Lawn or Fairway. Wherever you choose, please be aware of other visitors using the space.

PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE BOTANIC GARDEN

If you are currently suffering from a respiratory illness.
If you have had recent contact with COVID-19 cases or suspected cases.

Please let us know of any confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 within your group up to 10 days after your visit.