

# Educational visits to Wessex Water sites

## Teachers' guide

Thank you for arranging a visit to one of our sites - we are confident that you will have a good experience and learn about the work that Wessex Water do every day to provide a safe and reliable water supply, and to recycle wastewater.

In order for the visit to go smoothly and safely, there are a few things to be aware of:

- **Supervision** - the Wessex Water staff will organise the activities and lead tours according to the planned route, but supervision of the students remains the responsibility of the school/group leader and the qualified adults (eg, TAs). This includes First Aid and safeguarding, although WW staff can assist if needed and please let the Education Adviser know about any concerns/incidents.
- **Extra helpers/parents** are welcome but should not be left in sole charge of pupils and must stay with the group.
- **Other staff** - please be aware that there may be other Wessex Water staff or contracted staff on our sites. The Education Advisers will endeavour to inform them that there are children on site and to avoid any unsupervised contact.
- **Risk assessments and emergency procedures** will be provided by the Education Adviser and a safety briefing will be given at the beginning of the visit.
- **Photography** - you are welcome to take photos and video to support the children's learning and these can be used on the school's official website/social media but should not be used on personal sites. Generally, WW staff will not take any pictures/video but if we do, it will be with prior agreement and in-line with the company's policies on GDPR.
- **Food and drink** may be consumed in the Education Centres only. Hand sanitiser/soap and water must be used before consuming. This is particularly important at water recycling centres after site tours. Children should bring their own

packed lunches/snacks and school staff should be aware of any allergies/dietary requirements within their group. All rubbish and recycling must be taken home. Tea and coffee is usually available for adults.

- **Clothing and footwear** - It is essential that all adults and children have suitable clothing and footwear for touring the site.

Legs must be covered with full-length bottoms and sensible, sturdy shoes must be worn (eg, wellies, walking boots or trainers). When taking part in river activities, wellies must be worn.

Under no circumstances can sandals/flip-flops be worn around any of our sites.

Wessex Water can provide the high vis jackets for children and staff, if needed.



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