



Who's Going to Mind the Bairn? Guidelines for Supervising Teachers

Preparing for Your Visit: It is strongly recommended that supervising staff arrange a pre-visit to familiarise themselves with facilities at the Museum. Complimentary tickets are available on request in order to assist with planning and risk assessments. A Hazard Identification Sheet is also provided in order to help you with your risk assessment.

Practicalities:

- **Where to go and how to get there:** Who's Going to Mind the Bairn? begins in The Chapel. To get there either take the tram from the Main Entrance in the direction of The Town, get off at the Home Farm stop and walk down into The Pit Village, use the access route from the entrance or the woodland walk from Pockerley. Once in The Pit Village, make your way to The Chapel (next to The School), where you will be met by a member of staff.
- **Arriving on Time:** Please ensure you arrive at The Chapel on time. If you are booked on the first session it is advisable to walk straight to The Pit Village. In the event of a late arrival every effort will be made to accommodate the full time of the activity, however, due to other bookings this may not be possible.
- **What to Bring/Where:** Pupils will need appropriate clothing. Beamish is an open air museum and the weather may be inclement.
- **Toilets:** The nearest toilets are in The Lamp Cabin, next to the mine.
- **Health and Safety Information:** A Hazard Identification Sheet is attached to advise you of any possible risks or hazards.
- **Access:** An Access bus is available and can take any members of your group with access needs into The Pit Village. There are steps up to The Chapel and to some of the other buildings, however, the groups can be arranged to suit any access needs. If there is anyone in your group with access, needs please contact the Bookings Officer on bookings@beamish.org.uk or telephone on 0191 370 4026 and they will be able to advise you.

Objectives of Activity:

The activity aims to:

- Encourage young people to explore choices and options around pregnancy.
- Encourage a change in attitudes towards teenage pregnancy.

During the session students will:

- Explore themes such as who to turn to, peer pressure, pregnancy decision making, where to find information and the role of the father.
- Understand the options available to a teenage, unmarried mother, what teenagers would have known about sex and pregnancy and what the attitudes towards sex and pregnancy were in the 1910s.

Outline of Activity:

On being met at The Chapel, the group will be asked to split into four or five groups, which can be single sex if desired (**NOTE:** Beamish staff will not accompany the groups so accompanying staff will need to play an active role in supervising the groups). On the steps of The Chapel the group will find an abandoned baby. It is up to the pupils to decide what has happened and what should now become of the child.

To help them to do this they will visit different characters in the pit community.

Pupils will need to ask questions to find out what has happened, discover different people's attitudes towards the situation and consider what should happen to the child. Groups will then report on what they have discovered and decide together what they think the different options for the child are, such as an orphanage, give it to a kindly neighbour, give it to the grandparents to look after or give the child back to its mother. Once pupils have decided what they think has happened and what they will do with the child, they will discuss the possible consequences of their decisions.

Ideas for Pre and Post Visit:

A teaching resource is available which includes ideas for pre and post visit work within the classroom.

Contact Us: If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. Telephone Simon Woolley on 0191 370 4011 or email education@beamish.org.uk.

Hazard Identification Sheet - Who's Going to Mind the Bairn?

Location: Pit Village

Potential Hazard	Who is particularly at risk	Context of hazard and steps to be taken by accompanying adults to prevent accidents	Risk of accident/dangerous occurrence High/medium/low	If high or medium what additional precautions or measures need to be taken to reduce risk to low
Slips and trips	Students and Adults	Participants will be walking around The Pit Village and the mine area. The ground can be uneven and slippery and floors are hard stone surfaces. Lighting levels can be low. Beamish staff will advise participants to take care. Supervisory adults should ensure that all the students are wearing appropriate and sturdy footwear.	Low	
Fires	Students and Adults	Students will be visiting different areas as well as the chapel, including two of the pit cottages and the school. In these areas there will be coal fires lit. Beamish staff will advise students to stay away from the fires and fire guards will be in place. Only Museum staff are to manage the fires. Supervisory adults should monitor the behaviour of the students under their care.	Low	
Dust/smoke	Students and Adults	As a result of the open coal fires in the pit cottages and school it is possible that some rooms will be smoky or dusty. Beamish staff will keep areas as well ventilated as possible. Supervisory adults should be aware of any students with allergies/asthma, ensure students have any medication they require with them and inform Beamish staff before the session begins of any issues.	Low	
Vehicles on The Pit Village road	Children and Adults	During the session participants will be moving around The Pit Village area and will therefore be crossing the main 'road' through the Village. Although there is little traffic there is a bus which regularly comes down into the village. Beamish staff will warn the group to be careful on the road and	Low	

		accompanying adults should ensure that care is taken when moving around The Pit Village. School staff should position themselves to watch the road.		
Steps into buildings	Children and Adults	Children will be going into the chapel, the school and one of the pit cottages. All these have steps up to them which could provide a trip hazard if care is not taken. Beamish staff will advise the group to take care at the beginning of the session. Accompanying staff should reinforce this message and monitor the behaviour of the students in their care.	Low	
Trip hazards at the mine	Children and Adults	As part of the session students will visit the mine to interview the miners. Although pupils will not go down the mine as part of this session, there are trip hazards such as rails on the ground. Beamish staff will warn students of any trip hazards. Accompanying staff should reinforce Beamish staffs' message and supervise the students under their care to ensure they are being careful and sensible.	Low	
Steep steps up to the heap stead	Children and Adults	If no staff are available at the mine or they are too busy to speak to pupils needing to interview them, groups might be directed to the heap stead to speak to a member of staff. This would involve climbing a number of steep steps. Beamish staff will advise care and accompanying adults should reinforce this message and ensure that care is taken on the steps.	Low	
Group work- security issues	Students and Adults	During the visit students will be working in groups, some of which will not be accompanied by a supervisory adult. Supervising adults should stress how students should behave and warn them of any potential hazards. Supervising adults should also ensure that they have devised a system to monitor where their students are.	Low	

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