

# School visits to Gauntlet Birds of Prey

Bring your fledglings to Gauntlet Birds of Prey...

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR: Gauntlet Birds of Prey,  
Manchester Road, Knutsford, WA16 0SX

AREA ASSESSED: Infection Control (COVID 19)

DATE ASSESSED: 15/03/2023

REVIEW DATE: 15/03/2024 or sooner if required

ASSESSED BY: Graham Bessant—Owner



HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED	LIKELYHOOD	SEVERITY	CONTROLS
Injuries caused by birds (scratches, bites or collisions)	Staff Students Gauntlet Staff	Unlikely	Low- Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff will use appropriate PPE when handling birds.</li> <li>• If students are to handle birds, then an appropriate gauntlet will be used with clear instructions from the staff members running the day.</li> <li>• A health and safety talk is run through at the start of any session.</li> <li>• Appropriate trained and manned birds to be used for school events.</li> <li>• Audience members are asked to remain seated throughout the demonstration.</li> </ul>

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Bird escape from handler or non-return during flying demonstration	Staff Students Gauntlet Staff	Unlikely	Low- Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birds are only flown in an environment deemed safe by the Gauntlet staff member.</li> <li>• Any obvious visible hazards are pointed out at the start of the session.</li> <li>• Birds weights to be checked before flying.</li> <li>• Trained gauntlet staff members only to run the visit.</li> <li>• Gauntlets staff to follow centre protocol for nonreturn or escape of bird.</li> </ul>

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED	LIKELYHOOD	SEVERITY	CONTROLS
Slips, Trips, and Falls	Staff Students Gauntlet Staff	Unlikely	Low- Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wet floor signs used where and when needed.</li> <li>• First aid boxes on site.</li> <li>• Health and safety talk to begin the day detailing exits, risks, and desired behaviour from students.</li> <li>• Appropriate outdoor clothing to be worn by visiting students and staff.</li> </ul>

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HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED	LIKELYHOOD	SEVERITY	CONTROLS
Illness associated with contact with animals	Staff Students Gauntlet Staff	Unlikely	Low- Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and safety talk at the beginning of the session and whilst handling/stroking/or feeding animals stipulates handwashing facilities and opportunity is given to wash hands.</li> <li>• Signage around the centre reminding people to wash their hands.</li> </ul>

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED	LIKELYHOOD	SEVERITY	CONTROLS
Emergency procedure i.e. fire, escaped animal, other instance which leads to an evacuation.	Staff Students Gauntlet Staff	Unlikely	Low- Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event of an emergency where evacuation is required, Gauntlets staff will lead the situation and escort all to safety.</li> <li>• Evacuation procedures are detailed in the health and safety talk at the start of the visit.</li> <li>• Clear emergency exit signs are in place and updated.</li> </ul>