

Q. What health and safety measures are there for site visits?

A. Hanson takes issues of safety at its sites extremely seriously. Any tour on which school parties are taken will have been thoroughly assessed for potential risks in accordance with company and statutory regulations. While all visits to Hanson sites will be arranged so that they are safe, all are potentially dangerous if the advice given to visitors is not followed. Please ensure, therefore, that the following guidelines are observed.

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Health and Safety Guidelines

1 Every Hanson site that runs schools' visits will already have completed a risk assessment around their site for these visits. A copy of the risk assessment will be issued with the pack for teachers to sign and return before a visit to show that they have noted the potential hazards and the steps that have been taken to minimise them.

2 During the visit, the adult to pupil ratio should be at least one adult per eight children for the Key Stage 2 age group. Please confirm the number of adults and children in your party with the site manager to ensure that this ratio is met.

3 If there are any children with special needs in your party, please contact your local site manager, so that any requirements can be met. It is likely that the school will need to bring additional adult helpers in such a case.

4 All children and adults in a school party will need to wear hard hats and high-visibility jackets whilst on site. Your site manager will provide and distribute these when you arrive. Please also ensure that children are appropriately dressed, with boots or walking shoes and waterproof coats or jackets, as some areas of the quarry or brickworks you visit will be outside. When discussing the visit with the site manager, please confirm whether Wellington boots are needed. If children are inappropriately dressed, then it may not be possible for them to continue with the visit.

5 School parties will be taken on a safe route around the site. However, please ensure that children understand that they must at all times follow the instructions of the Hanson member of staff in charge.

6 It is important that all children know that quarries are not play areas