

About SEA LIFE London	
Combining active, hands-on learning with fascinating educational talks and an opportunity to have an up close and personal encounter with a variety of sea creatures, a visit to SEA LIFE is an educational experience like no other! SEA LIFE caters for every ability level and learning style, using a unique combination of auditory, visual and kinaesthetic learning opportunities. Children are encouraged to have supervised, hands-on contact with live sea creatures in the touch pool which is often the highlight of the trip for many children.	
About Merlin Entertainments Group	
Merlin Entertainments Group is the leading name in location based, quality family entertainment. Now the world's number two visitor attraction operator, it aims to deliver unique, memorable and rewarding experiences to its 67 million visitors worldwide, through its iconic global and local brands, and the commitment and passion of its managers and employees. Merlin has over 120 attractions, in 25 countries, across three continents - Europe, North America and Asia.	
Legal requirements and attraction information	
Public Liability	SEA LIFE centres and Sanctuaries are covered by Public Liability Insurance to the amount of £10 million. The Policy is with Chubb European Group Limited (Policy No UKCANC33447).
Local Enforcement Agency	SEA LIFE and Sanctuaries are enforced by Lambeth Council. Please email schools@londonaquarium.co.uk if you require further information.
Rides Engineering / Maintenance	The centre does not operate any mechanical rides
Food Safety and Hygiene	The food units operate in accordance with the Food Safety Act 1990 and are regularly inspected by the local Environmental Health Department, and undergo regular internal health and safety audits carried out by Merlin Entertainments.
Attraction Staff / Staff identification	All attraction staff wear uniforms and name badges for easy identification. A policy exists for all new staff to have criminal record checks.

Security	The attraction has a dedicated security team who are able to deal with minor security issues on site. The team is also trained to deal with emergency incidents that may arise.
Risk assessment	
Vehicle traffic	N/A.
Weather protection / Sun safety	The attraction is indoors so weather protection is not required. The only exception may be when groups are asked to wait outside while tickets are collected on arrival to avoid crowding in the entrance way.
Water	There are display tanks throughout the different attractions and also touch pools; supervision is required at all times.
Slips/ Trips/ Falls	The following hazards should be noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trips caused by looking in the display and not at the floor • Wet flooring • Steps and stairs
High level areas	Supervision is required and there is no climbing on the barriers.
Strobe lighting	Strobe lighting effects are used in certain areas throughout the attraction.
Reduced lighting	Care should be taken due to reduced lighting in certain areas.
Enclosed spaces	Some parts of the attractions could make individuals feel confined due to being dark, warm and humid. However there are no areas in the attraction that can be defined as a confined space.
Attraction specific risk	Creatures, stings and bites: Do not place hands into any of the display tanks. All visitors must wash their hands if they have contact with any creatures or water. Extra care is required for children sensitive to this environment.
Door entrapment	Beware of closing doors on fingers etc
Rides	N/A
Soft play areas / Play equipment	N/A
Attraction arrangements	
Arrival arrangements	If you are bringing a group by minibus or coach and need to drop off and pick up your group you can take advantage of coach-parking bays by the Coca-Cola London Eye, please note that space is very limited. This service is complimentary, but must be booked in advance by e-mailing coach@londoneye.com with the following details: Date of visit, time of visit (drop off and pick up times), number of guests, number of coaches, site visiting, coach company, vehicle Registration/s, driver's name. Please note that you are only permitted to use a parking bay for 20 minutes whilst you drop off and then pick up your group and you are not permitted to stay whilst the group visits SEA LIFE London.
Parking	Please go to the 'Visitor Information' pages on the website for the most convenient car park in relation to the attraction.

First aid	SEA LIFE London has a medical / first aid facility which is operated by a dedicated team of qualified first aiders. Nearest hospital: St Thomas' Hospital
Emergency planning	SEA LIFE London has a contingency plan in the event of an emergency. The emergency plan has been developed in conjunction with the local emergency services who have regular meetings regarding emergency procedures.
Fire safety	In the event of an emergency please follow all evacuation procedures.
Wheelchair access	SEA LIFE London is fully accessible with lifts to all levels. We also have a ramp at the entrance which can be used for entry and exit into the aquarium.
Lost children	Please report to member of staff or security guard.
Unruly children	The attraction has regulations displayed at the entrance. Staff are trained to enforce these regulations for the benefit of all guests. Staff will instruct children to behave where necessary. Children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
Age / height restrictions	The minimum age restriction for children to enter the attraction without an adult is 16; any child 15 and under must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18.
Lockers / storage facilities	There are no lockers or storage facilities.
Eating facilities	SEA LIFE London does have a Schools Lunch Room onsite, however this is subject to availability and must be booked in advance. If you are unable to secure a time slot for the lunch room we do recommend lunch in Jubilee Gardens, however this would be weather dependant. We are unable to add any additional times to those advertised for our Schools Lunch Room. Please note, we do not have a facility to store lunches or bags.
Welfare facilities	There are toilets located on entry, on exit of the 'Rainforest Adventure' experience and just before the experience 'Ocean Invaders'.
Additional costs	There is a retail outlet and picture booth where additional funds may be appropriate.
Attraction signposting	SEA LIFE London is a free flow attraction with a single route to take you past all of our exhibits. We would therefore recommend splitting and exploring in smaller groups with assigned meeting points at certain times. Please note: Once your class has entered the attraction you will not be able to leave and then re-enter.

The purpose of this document is to enable schools / groups to use the information provided for the development of visit risk assessments in order to satisfy the obligations placed by the Health and Safety at Work Act and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations. The above hazards have been identified as being inherent to this attraction. Merlin Entertainments Group Ltd does not accept liability for any omissions to this list. Control measures indicated are recommendations only and must be adapted / amended by group organisers. Please ensure adequate supervisors are appointed for the number in your group.