

About SEA LIFE Manchester Aquarium	
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 130 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 Trafford Council. Please email info@sealifemanchester.co.uk if you require further information.
Rides Engineering / Maintenance	The centre does not operate any mechanical rides as part of the school visit. There is a VR experience at an additional cost of £7 per person. Certain restrictions apply including height and needing accompanying adult supervision to minimise risk. The VR is operated by trained staff members at all times
Food Safety and Hygiene	There are no food premises within the attraction. The confectionary machines undergo regular internal health and safety audits carried out by Merlin Entertainments and the companies who operate them.
Attraction 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	Trafford Palazzo of which SEA LIFE Manchester is part of has a dedicated security team who are able to deal with minor security issues on site. The SEA LIFE team are also trained to deal with emergency incidents that may arise.
Risk assessment	
Vehicle traffic	SEA LIFE Manchester is located inside Trafford Palazzo shopping Centre. There is a public car park to the rear at the drop off point where adult supervision is essential.
Weather protection / Sun safety	The attraction is indoors so weather protection is not required.
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	There is one soft play area located in the centre of the attraction. Hazard in soft play includes slips, trips and falls. Adult supervision required at all times. A small seating area is available in the soft play area.
COVID-19	We've been awarded the VisitEngland 'We're Good to Go' industry charter mark. This verifies that our attraction meets the Government and public health guidance on COVID-19 and that we have all the required health and safety processes in place to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable visit. We are continuing to take the necessary measures to provide a safe and hygienic environment for guests. The health and safety of our guests and staff is our absolute priority. We have implemented an extensive range of safety measures, designed to ensure a happy, safe, and healthy experience for all guests and staff. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower capacity – whilst legal restrictions have been lifted, we want to ensure we can still offer the best possible guest experience

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to highly recommend that face coverings are worn inside our attractions • You may continue to see Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and clothing for some of our staff • Continuation of enhanced cleaning, hygiene stations and hand sanitiser for guests at key locations • You may still see increased ventilation and suggested spatial separation markings and other similar operating adjustments around the attraction
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 in Trafford Palazzo car park. The coach parking is limited here however there is then a dedicated coach park for the driver to wait with the coach in the main Trafford centre if the drop off location parking is full which is free of charge – it is Orient 10 car park)
Parking	Please go to the 'Plan Your Visit' pages on the website for the most convenient car park in relation to the attraction.
First aid	Trafford Palazzo & The Trafford Centre have a medical / first aid facility which is operated by a dedicated team of qualified first aiders, SEA LIFE Manchester has access to this facility when required and first aiders in the SEA LIFE on site team for first response. Nearest hospital: Salford Royal Hospital
Emergency planning	SEA LIFE Manchester 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 Manchester is fully accessible.
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 Manchester 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 Trafford Palazzo indoor mall outside the attraction if we cannot accommodate you. Please note, we are able to store lunches or bags for your group.
Welfare facilities	There are toilets located within the attraction – they are approximately halfway through the aquarium next to soft play.

	There are also toilets available in Trafford Palazzo on the upper level.
Additional costs	There is a retail outlet where additional funds may be appropriate. SEA LIFE Manchester is a cashless attraction. Card only.
Attraction signposting	SEA LIFE Manchester is an 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.
COVID-19 visitor information	<p>Before you visit:</p> <p>We will be updating our social media pages and website with the latest information, keep checking back for updates and before leaving home, please check our website and social media pages for the latest information. Should you or any member of your group start displaying any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 please refrain from visiting. Please contact customer services should you need to amend your booking.</p> <p>When you arrive:</p> <p>We highly recommend face covering are worn when visiting the attraction.</p> <p>Please always remain within your group, keeping a safe distance between you and other guests. Please ensure you consider your teacher to child ratio to help enforce/manage this.</p>

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.