Essential Risk Assessment Information for Schools

This document provides information about the general risks you may encounter on a school visit to iFLY Indoor Skydiving.

Parking
There is room at each of our locations for coaches to park. You’ll need to ensure that pupils are supervised whilst in the car parks and that care is taken in walking to the main building entrance.

Weather considerations
The experience is entirely indoors. However, if it’s raining when you arrive, care should be taken when entering the building, as floors may become slippery when wet. Also, care should be taken when exiting/entering the Manchester centre in cases of strong winds which can cause the main door to slam.

Cloakroom facilities
We do recommend that pupils leave bags and coats on your coach where possible. Please note that items such as watches, jewellery and anything in pockets must be removed before gearing up into the flight suits. Free, secure lockers are available, though pupils may need to share.

Eating areas for packed lunches
Space for children to eat packed lunches inside our centres is limited. The best area to do this inside the venue is in the classroom, but this will depend on numbers and availability at the time.

Visual effects
The experience features high wind speeds and a good deal of noise when in the flight tunnel. Ear plugs are provided. There is also some flashing light from the camera located inside the wind tunnel. Please note that the experience is unique and as such, potentially a little intimidating for some. It’s up to group organisers to decide whether the experience is unsuitable for any particular individual within their group.

Who can fly?
Our minimum age for flying is 3 years. If a pupil has a history of neck, back, heart problems, or who has previously suffered a shoulder dislocation, they should seek advice from their doctor before flying. All our guests are asked to complete a Declaration of Risk (waiver) before participating declaring that they are fit to fly.

iFLY Instructors
All iFLY Instructors are fully trained and certified in accordance with the International Bodyflight Association regulations. Their primary concern is the health and safety of all our customers. Teaching staff who have direct contact with children have full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.

Pupil supervision
Teachers or group leaders should remain with their pupils and are responsible for their general health and safety, as well as for accompanying them in case of an evacuation. Please note while teachers may not accompany children into the wind tunnel, they will be able to observe them at all times.

Slips and trips
Pupils will need to climb stairs to the wind tunnel, so there’s a trip risk if pupils are not concentrating when they move about the building. Wet ground outside the building may also represent a slip risk.

First aid and medical provision
A trained first aider is on duty at all times while the experience is open; iFLY staff will be able to help you if you require a first aider. If a child/visitor requires specific medication or medical care, it is your responsibility to ensure that this is in place.

Wheelchair users and accessibility
The experience is wheelchair-friendly and can accommodate wheelchair users who can enjoy the full iFLY experience. Lifts are in place for wheelchair users (both participants and spectators), allowing full access to all public areas of our facilities. Our Instructors are also trained in and used to dealing with guests who have additional or specific needs. If you’re attending the experience with larger groups of wheelchair users or with a mobility scooter user, please advise us in advance of your visit.

This risk assessment has been approved by:

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