

## Guidelines for all Groups including under 18 year olds

Please ensure ALL supervising adults read these and pass onto their group

As the Garden is a learning resource, groups can get the most out of their visit if provided with educational activities whilst here. Please remember the Garden is also a peaceful haven where people come to relax.

- The plants here are rare and used for education and research
- The Garden is not a playground or playing field
- It is a working garden where vehicles, machinery and tools are in use



- No ball games or sports
- The Rock Garden (inc. Stepping Stones – Map ref. 7) and Ecological Mound (Map ref. 16) require **close supervision** of children for their safety and to protect the plants



- Split your party into no more than 10 per group, with supervision, to enter the Glasshouses
- Watch out for uneven ground and tree roots
- Keep to paths and lawns. **Do not** tread in flower beds



- Plants must **not be** picked or eaten. Seeds and leaves can be picked up from the ground but wash your hands afterwards
- **Do not** climb the trees. Watch out for low hanging branches

### Leaders' Responsibilities:

1. **Group leaders must stay with their group at all times.** For children up to age 7 = a ratio of 1 adult to 5 children. For children aged 8-16 (inclusive) = a ratio of 1 adult to 10 children.
2. Responsibility for the overall safety and discipline of the group rests with the supervising adult in charge. Bearing this in mind, the Directorate of the Garden requests that supervising adults co-operate with any request made by the Visitor Services team or other Garden staff to control the children in their charge.

**The Garden reserves the right to refuse admission to groups**