



Jesuit Schools Sixth Form Leadership Conference

Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th September 2017

Jesuit Villa House, Barmouth, North Wales

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Sixth Form Leadership Conference takes place at the Jesuit Villa (holiday) House at Llanaber outside Barmouth in North Wales.

The house is an old stone-built house set back from the beach on a hillside. It is about a mile outside the town of Barmouth.

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Fronoleu Terrace
Llanaber
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This conference is for 17/18 year olds who, by the nature of those invited (ie. Head boys/girls, School captains, etc.), tend to be sensible and responsible young adults.

There is a significant adult/pupil ratio (around 5 adults to 24 pupils).

Specific and general risks are . . .

	Risk	Nature of Risk	Mitigation
1	Safeguarding	General risk to young people under the age of 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All adults helping with the conference have undergone and passed enhanced DBS (England & Wales) or PVG (Scotland) checks. • Safeguarding is discussed at the beginning of the conference ('what to do if . . .') and includes advice on peer-to-peer abuse. • Pupils have their phones with them and can call home, etc. • The internet is available in the house but is not filtered – pupils are asked to use the internet sensibly and safely, as at school.
2	Fire	General risk of fire in the building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house has a fire detector and alarm system.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency exits are clearly marked with standard safety signage. • There are escape routes/staircases at both ends of the building. • The fire service has inspected the house and its recommendations have been followed. • A safety/fire briefing takes place on arrival. • Candles are only used in the chapel under adult supervision.
3	Road	<p>Specific risk: the road (A496) outside the house is fast and potentially dangerous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils are warned about the road in the briefing notes and again on arrival at Fronoleu and when the group leaves the building. • Pupils are accompanied when walking to and from the railway station. • There is ample off-road parking space available for those travelling by car.
4	Rail	<p>Specific risk: there is an unguarded railway crossing on the way from the house to the beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils are warned about the rail crossing in the briefing notes and again on arrival at Fronoleu and when the group leaves the building. • Pupils are met at the Llanaber stop and accompanied there at the end of the conference.
5	Sea	<p>Specific risk: the sea at Barmouth can be dangerous with strong currents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils are warned not to go into the sea in the briefing notes. This warning is repeated on arrival. Pupils are supervised when on the beach.
6	Security	<p>General security risk in house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house is very safe, is set back from the road, and does not experience incursions by anyone. • External doors are locked at night (but easily openable in case of fire). • Checks that everyone is present are made at meals and conference sessions.
7	Health & Medical	<p>General risk of ill-health or injury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference involves no activities with risk beyond ordinary everyday living. • There are first aid kits in the house. • Pupils are asked to let us know of any prescription medicines they are taking or of any specific health care they require. • The local hospital (Dolgellau and Barmouth) has a Minor Injuries Unit and is 12-miles away.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nearest Major & Acute services A&E is at Bangor and is 45-miles away.
8	Food	<p>General risk of food-poisoning and allergies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils are asked for food/allergy needs before conference. The cook is experienced and follows good practice. Food hygiene/storage notices are displayed in kitchen.
9	Alcohol, tobacco, drugs	<p>General risk of alcohol, tobacco or drug use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol, tobacco and (non-prescription) drugs are not permitted. Adults keep an eye out for any infringement.
10	Town	<p>General risk in Barmouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils are encouraged to walk along the beach, accompanied, into town on one afternoon; returning to the house in their own time, unsupervised. Safety advice on walking along road is given. Pupils are over 16 and Barmouth is a safe place.

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