

KENTS CAVERN

PREHISTORIC CAVES

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT. KENTS CAVERN LTD

- As a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and a Scheduled Ancient Monument, Kents Cavern has a statutory obligation to protect and conserve the cave environment.
- Kents Cavern is fully compliant with all existing Fire Prevention and Detection legislation.
- Kents Cavern carries Public Liability Insurance to the sum of £10 Million.
- Kents Cavern carries out ongoing Risk Assessments; a summary of which are contained in the Health & Safety Risk Assessment Policy statement.
- There is no requirement for the use of safety equipment (helmets, protective clothing) during your visit to the caves, however we would advise the wearing of suitable footwear and clothing. The temperature within the caves is 14°C.
- Due to the importance and fragile nature of the caves, all access and tours are supervised by a trained member of staff. Children under the age of 15 years are not admitted unless accompanied by an adult.
- Kents Cavern expects groups to be supervised, at all times, by sufficient adult leaders to satisfy the safety criteria of the individual organisation involved. Kents Cavern offers free entry to accompanying teachers/adults for group supervision at the following ratio.

Pre-school	1 adult: 2 pupils
Infants	1 adult: 6 pupils
Juniors	1 adult: 10 pupils
Teenage Students	1 adult: 20 students

Whilst the vast majority of children visiting Kents Cavern are well behaved, we are aware that there can be occasional problems and will meet these with understanding. It is however the responsibility of accompanying adults to ensure that pupils behave in a sensible manner. Teachers and other accompanying adults are admitted free, or at a concessionary rate, on the understanding that they are responsible for the management and discipline of the group. Members of the group must be under supervision at all times whilst on Kents Cavern premises, including the shop, toilets and café areas.