

Battersea Children's Centres Princess Diana Memorial Playground Trip Thursday 23rd August 2018

We are really happy you are joining us for what will be a fun filled day out. This sheet contains all the key information you need to know. Please remember that although the Children's Centres have organised this trip and will be accompanying you - **You have sole responsibility for your children both while at the playground and while traveling to and from the venue.** We will be using public transport (bus) to get to and from the Park.

Where are we going

Princess Diana Memorial Playground, Broad Walk (Kensington Gardens), London, W2 4RU

Approx 15 min walk through the park from the 49 bus stop (RQ – Palace Gate). Citymapper.com (or the city mapper app) can help you plan your journey. For more information about the Playground and surrounding area (i.e. maps, food, etc) please check their website www.royalpark.org.uk/parks/kensington-gardens/things-to-see-and-do/diana-memorial-playground

Timings

Below are the key timings for the day. Please feel free to meet with us at any of these points:

9.50-10.00am – Meet at Somerset or York Gardens Children's Centre if you need help getting to the playground – **due to limits on bus space for push chairs we advise families to meet us at playground where possible.**

10.00am – Leave centre and get the 49 bus to Kensington Gardens.

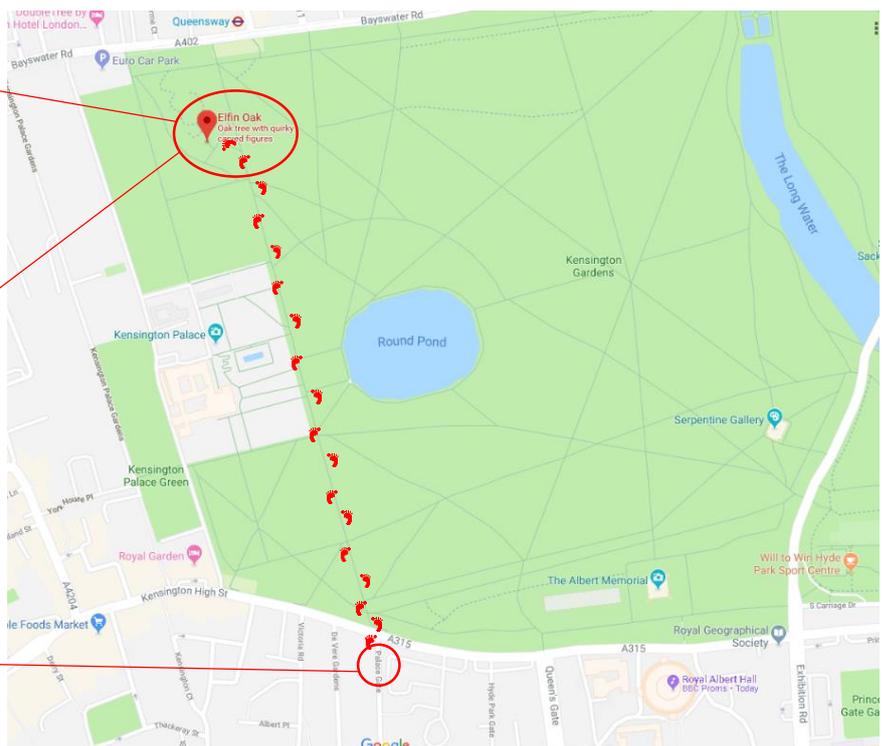
11.00am – Meet inside the Near the elfin Carved Oak Tree, next to the Broad walk café by the entrance to princess Diana memorial playground (if you get there late meet us inside the play area)



Elfin Oak Tree



Broad Walk Café



11.10pm to 12.30pm – Play in Playground.

12.30pm – Lunch in children’s play area

1.00pm-2.30pm – Opportunity to explore The Play area or Kensington Gardens (possibly the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain)

2.30pm – Meet at the Elfin Oak tree to return to Battersea



You are welcome to join us at any point in the day and leave whenever suits you and your family. To help you identify us, Siobhan will be carrying a Somerset Nursery Bag (as pictured).

What you need to bring/wear

- Any medication your child may need – particularly antihistamines (piriton) or other allergy medication if you/your child has hayfever or an allergy to wasps or bees.
- Oyster Card or Contactless payment card for the busses & trains (approx. cost per adult £1.50 for bus from centre each way **Total fare = £3.00**)
- Packed Lunch for you and your family – alternatively food is available to buy at Café’s in the park (see website for details)
- Re-fillable water bottles
- Sun cream & hat.
- Comfy shoes – there will be a lot of walking.
- Comfortable, loose clothing for children.
- Change of clothes for children/swim wear – particularly if you are planning on going to the fountain.
- You *may* want to bring some money for refreshments– however, we will not be guiding families to these areas.

General Health & Safety

- The park is a public area and is open to all. You must remain with your child/ren at all times, to ensure wellbeing and safety (especially around animals such as dogs) and supervise behaviour.
- The park is likely to be busy and is a large area with minimal security. We recommend explaining to your child the importance of staying with you and what to do if they get lost. You may also want to consider :
 - Dressing your child in bright clothing.
 - Taking a photo of your child on your phone
 - Writing your name and phone number on your child’s arm so that if they get lost they can be quickly reunited with you.



- The park (not play area) is open to Cyclists – please be aware of your surroundings at all times as the cycle routes may not always be obvious.
- The nearest accident and emergency department is at St Mary’s Hospital, tel. 020 3312 2447.

- Siobhan is First Aid trained and will have a first aid kit on her and mobile phone for emergencies.

Animal & Wildlife Safety

The park is visited by millions of people each year and harm from animals and wildlife is extremely rare – however as we will be travelling with young children please follow the below advice.

Dogs

- Owners are required to keep their dogs under control at all times & dogs are not permitted in the play area – however we would advise that you do not let your children pet unknown dogs.
- The park is popular with dog walkers so please be aware of animal droppings and practice good hygiene.

Bees, Wasps & Other insects

Having a bee or wasp buzzing nearby can be a frightening experience, but here are four simple steps you can take to avoid the unfortunate event of being stung:

- Remain calm and move away slowly. Don't wave your arms around or swat the insect(s)
- Wear long sleeves and trousers - and shoes when outdoors - so that your skin is not exposed
- Apply insect repellent. Repellents that contain 50% DEET are most effective, according to the NHS
- Avoid using products with strong perfumes - e.g. soaps, shampoos and deodorants - as these can attract insects.