

STANBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL – RISK ASSESSMENT

	Severity		
Likelihood	Low	Medium	High
Low	Low	Low	Medium
Medium	Low	Medium	Medium
High	Medium	Medium	High

Date of Assessment: 03/02/2026

Department: Historic circa 1937 Blast Shelter

The Blast Shelter was constructed circa 1937 and is located within the school grounds. The structure is of reinforced concrete and was originally designed for wartime civilian protection. The shelter is currently used for occasional educational visits with restricted access.

The Blast Shelter has an alarm fitted and is kept locked. Children are not allowed in the building without a teacher or teaching assistant or supervisor.

If other schools visit the building they are always accompanied by a designated member of staff. There is a telephone linking the blast shelter to the main school. Fire extinguishers are available. Fire escapes at front & rear of blast shelter are checked fortnightly.

A proportionate fire risk assessment has been completed in accordance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, reflecting the historic nature of the structure, limited occupancy, short visit duration, absence of ignition sources, and continuous staff supervision.

Task/ Activity Area	Hazard	Who is at risk	Controls in place	Risk	Further controls needed	Residual Risk	Who to Action	Reviewed Date
Looking at artefacts in glass cabinets	Trip Cuts	Pupils	Children told to walk round the blast shelter slowly. Children told not to bang their hands/arms on the top of the cabinets.	Low	Children supervised at all times	Low		06.08.20 D.K. Reviewed 8.11.22 EA. Reviewed 03/02/2026 ML
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Sitting on benches along each side of walls	Falling off	Pupils	Children told to sit sensibly.	Low	Children supervised at all times			
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Looking at old pieces of equipment	Choking	Pupils	Children told not to put items in their mouths.	Low	Children supervised at all times.	Low		
Watching videos	Electricity	Pupils	The DVD/television systems not to be touched by children.	Med	Children supervised at all times and not allowed near the DVD/television equipment	Low		
Building structure	Risk of collapse of listed building due to age	Any persons on site	KS1 playground and Blast Shelter	Med	Premises Supervisor to carry out visual checks monthly. Load bearing and consideration that design assumptions may have eroded over 80 years use. Structural survey to be completed as part of annual school review.	Low	Premises Supervisor to report any faults to SLT	
Heating	Inclement weather	Any persons	Blast shelter	Low	SLT to consider closing the building in cold/hot weather as it has no heating	Low	SLT to consider ambient temperatures.	
Environmental risks	Risk of asbestos damp and vermin due to age and	Any persons	Blast shelter	Low	Asbestos registers shows no material found. Interior to be	Low	Prem team supervisor to complete	

	usage				check frequently by Prem Team supervisor. Prior to use, Building to be vented prior to use. CO2 Monitors should be fitted.		regular inspections. Ensure building is vented at least one hour prior to use.	
Access & egress	Confined space considerations	Any persons	Blast shelter	Med	Old buildings not up to modern standards. Escape routes may be narrow with uneven floors and narrow passageways.	Low	Numbers to be restricted to facilitate access & egress. See below.	
Fire & Safety	Lack of fire detection systems & alarms	Any persons	Blast shelter	Med	Combustible materials left from past to be removed. FRA to be completed prior to use. No smoking or naked flames permitted.	Low	Prem supervisor to check for combustible materials prior to use	
Fire Risk Assessment	This is a historic Blast Shelter with very low occupancy. Visits will be of a short duration. Ignition sources are limited to the mains powered electricity mostly used for lighting. Visits will be supervised by competent persons. No sleeping, food or beverages allowed. Visits to be	Any persons	Blast shelter	Low	The Shelter has two emergency exits and can be very quickly evacuated. Firefighting equipment is available.	Very Low	SBM to make monthly checks of the shelter.	

	limited to 30 minutes maximum. Groups of no more than 15 at one time.							
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