Lesson objectives:

• To understand more about the impact of World War II on the local area (Cotteridge and Stirchley); school children, industry and jobs and families.

• To examine historical sources for evidence, and present information.

• To consider how important Stirchley Baths was for local people during the war years.

• To explore the local area, looking for physical evidence of the war and to visit Stirchley Baths (tomorrow)
PART I: How can we find out about what impact World War II had on Cotteridge and Stirchley?

Class discussion
What primary and secondary sources are available to us? How reliable are they?

Class Activity
Work in three groups, each with a different research question. Look through the resources pack and select the sources which help you answer your question. You won’t need them all! Feedback to the class what you have found out.
PART II: Find evidence in the sources to answer the following questions:

• **GROUP 1**
  What were the every day dangers? How did local people try to keep their families safe during the war?

• **GROUP 2**
  How did World War II affect local industry and jobs? What role did women play in the war effort?

• **GROUP 3**
  What was it like to be a child in your school, or Stirchley school, during World War Two? What was evacuation like?
GROUP 1 – *please present your evidence*

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How did local people try to keep their families safe during the war?
GROUP 2 – please present your evidence

How did World War II affect local industry and jobs?

What role did women play in the war effort locally?
GROUP 3 – *please present your evidence*

What was it like to be a child in your school, or Stirchley school, during World War Two?

What was evacuation like for these children?