

Pre-visit Information for Home Schooling Groups

This sheet provides information for groups who have booked a facilitated or self-led visit to the museum.

Access

Our workshops often take place both within a learning room and also the gallery floor. This means moving between different areas and levels of the museum. If any of your children have specific access requirements or ASL needs please let us know when booking your workshop.

Activities and resources

Our sessions include a range of different practical learning activities. If you wish to find out more about the resources and equipment that will be used within a session, please contact the Bookings Hub who will pass on your enquiry to the Learning Assistants at the specific venue.

Timings

If you have booked a workshop, the time stated on your bookings confirmation is the start time of the workshop. If you wish to have a snack before the session, or visit the shop afterwards, please factor this in to your travel schedule. Your workshop will run 45/90 minutes without a break. Please note our venues do not open until 10am (11am on a Friday).

Fire evacuation

In the event of the fire alarm sounding, please follow the instructions from staff. Please arrive with a register of all children and adults with your group. Take your register with you throughout your visit, especially if your group are split up in the galleries, so you can check off attendance at the designated muster point.

Adult supervision and involvement:

Parents are expected to remain with their children at all times during the visit, and to get involved - as directed by the Learning Assistant. This not only supports group work, but allows parents to connect between home and museum learning. For the duration of the workshop, we expect the parents to ensure the children engage with the activities presented, and listen to instructions and guidance given by the Learning Assistant.

Curriculum levels and age groups

All of our workshops have been devised to support a particular level, or levels, of the curriculum. These in turn align broadly with the relevant stages of nursery/ primary / secondary school. Whilst we can normally adapt the content of sessions for a higher or lower stage than the one advertised, we would do this for the whole class or group of children. It is therefore recommended that you book workshops for groups of children learning at the same level. In the past, groups of parents have teamed up and come together with children of a similar age/stage, which we find works well.

Feel free to bring a camera. Photographs are a great way of revisiting the learning back at home.



Self-led groups (all venues except GMRC)

If coming along in large numbers please split into smaller groups with one adult assigned to each group. Be mindful of other visitors, including groups who are participating in a guided tour or workshop. At times our gallery spaces can be busy with booked groups so where and when possible re-visit these spaces at a quieter time during your visit. Most booked classes are in a particular space for up to 90 minutes. This way all groups will get the most out of their visit.

Pick up a floor plan to help you get around. Our Gallery Assistants can direct you to particular galleries or displays that are of interest.

We have a number of self-led trails available; please download and print them before your visit:

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/learning/learning-resources>

<https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/away-for-the-day>