

## Riverside Museum Pre-visit Information for Schools

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

### **Venue Facilities at a glance:**

Bus drop off point  
Public picnic areas

Café & Restaurant  
Shop  
Lift Access to all levels  
Disabled toilets with fixed changing surface  
Outdoor space

### **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. Some of the exhibited vehicles are not accessible for wheelchair users. If any of your pupils have specific access requirements please let us know.

### **Activities and resources**

Our sessions include a range of different 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 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 bus schedule. 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. Take your class register with you throughout your visit, especially if your class are split up in the galleries, so you can check off attendance at the designated muster point which is located at the car park.

### **Getting the most from your visit**

Teachers and accompanying adults are expected to get involved during sessions. This not only supports group work, but allows teachers to connect between class and museum learning.

Why not bring a camera with you? Photographs are a great way of revisiting the learning back in class.

### **Back in class**

We are always pleased to hear from pupils following a visit. You can **tweet us** @Museum\_Learning or post in hand-written letters.

### **Self-led groups**

Classes should 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. Pick up a floor plan to



help you get around. Our Gallery Assistants can direct you to particular displays that are of interest. There are several self-led trails that can enhance your visit and can be picked up from the front desk.

We have the following self-led trails available:

Toucans & Lollipops Challenge; Riverside Quiz; Gaelic Riverside Trail

**Please note that The Tall Ship is not part of Riverside Museum and needs to be booked separately.**