

Glasgow Museums Resource Centre (GMRC)



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

Lift Access to all levels

Accessible toilets

Lunch spaces (limited - availability on request)

Quiet space (on request - please notify the bookings hub if you require to use this space on 0141 276 9505/6 or via

museums.schoolbookings@glasgowlife.org.uk

Please note there is no shop or café at GMRC

GMRC is a large site and some sessions require walking a distance between the different stores.

Coaches

You are welcome to drop off your class outside the museum.

Access

GMRC is a purpose- built, multi-functional store, and as such, is a unique experience for learners, unlike that of any other Glasgow Museum. Our workshops take place both within a learning room and also in the museum stores (known as pods). This means moving between different areas and levels of the building, often passing through a number of access doors. It is important for groups to stay together at all times whilst in the pods and follow instructions from staff. If any of your pupils have specific access requirements, please let us know. If any of your pupils have specific access requirements, please let us know.

The collections in storage at GMRC are accessible only with staff secure access. **Therefore we cannot offer a self-led experience.** Due to the unique operational nature of GMRC, some technical or logistical activities may occur during your visit – for example objects being packed ready for transportation. This should not normally cause any disruption to your visit.

Timings

If you have booked a workshop, the time stated on your booking 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 into your bus schedule. Please note our venue does 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 the seating area near to pond, opposite the front of the building.

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.

Supervision and Behaviour – our expectations

Please remember that teachers are responsible for their pupils' behaviour at all times during a visit. It is important that they remain with pupils at all times. If you have certain techniques you use with your class to attract their attention, or encourage them to listen, please share these with us at the start of the session. It means we can use them too!

Please ensure that pupils respect museum staff and visitors during their visit as well as the museum exhibits. It is helpful if you can discuss these expectations with your pupils as part of your visit preparations.

Back in class

We are always pleased to hear from pupils following a visit. You can tag us on twitter under our handle @Museum_Learning or post in hand-written letters.

Please check the Learning section of our website <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/learning/learning-resources> for a selection of post-visit resources.