

River & Rowing Museum: Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions for Schools

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For any queries, please contact edbookings@rrm.co.uk

Can I book a school visit to the River & Rowing Museum?

Yes, we are open to school visits for all ages. We are able to take school bookings on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We cannot accommodate schools on Thursdays.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays we are closed to the public so larger bookings (more than 1 class) are welcome on those days.

Which workshop can I book?

Any of our workshops can be booked. Details of all our workshops can be found [here](#). We are excited to be offering a workshop for EYFS and KS1 to accompany our next exhibition *Elmer & Friends: The Colourful World of David McKee* (20 Nov – 14 Mar), more details [here](#).

Will the workshop activities be the same as usual?

We have made some small adaptations to the delivery format of the workshops to maintain hygiene and follow government guidelines for minimising the risk of transmission of Covid-19. The learning experience and outcomes of the workshop will not have changed.

What measures are you taking to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19?

Please be assured we are following all government guidelines for Covid-19 and the safety of our visitors, staff and volunteers is our primary concern. Our measures include: limiting visitor numbers with all visits pre-booked and only one school visiting at a time; a managed one-way route through the galleries to enable 2m social distancing; hand sanitiser stations and regular cleaning within our spaces.

For full details of measures we are taking and what we ask schools to do, please see the separate document *River & Rowing Museum COVID-19 Hazard Information for Schools* available [here](#). Details of measures we are taking for all visitors are available [here](#).

Can I bring the students for a self-led visit?

Yes, self-led visits can be booked by contacting edbookings@rrm.co.uk. Please give at least 3 weeks' notice.

How many classes/children can I bring to the Museum?

We can take up to 3 classes in one day, depending on the workshop. Groups of up to 30 children (1 class) can be accommodated any weekday except Thursday. Groups of more than 1 class can be accommodated on Tuesdays and Wednesdays only.

Will there be other schools visiting at the same time?

No, there will only be one school visiting per day.

Will there be other visitors (members of the public) in the Museum?

On Mondays and Fridays the Museum is open to the public as well as to schools. If schools are visiting on a Monday or Friday, their time slot in the gallery will not be open to the public.

How much does a visit cost?

A tutored visit costs £6.50 + VAT per student, with a minimum charge of £110 + VAT per group. This includes 2 taught sessions with a Museum Tutor and a self-led gallery visit.

SEN groups of up to 12 students cost £65 + VAT for 1.5 hour tutored workshop (additional students £6.50 + VAT)

A self-led visit costs £3.50 + VAT per student.

All accompanying adults are free of charge.

How many adults can we bring?

All accompanying adults are free of charge. We recommended the following ratios of adults to children:

- 1:6 for KS1
- 1:8 for KS2
- 1:15 for KS3 and above

Can we all have lunch together?

Lunch takes place in the Atlanta foyer in the Learning Centre. If you have specific requirements for your lunch space please let us know.

What time should I arrive, leave and what will our schedule be?

Our school visits run 10.00am – 2.15pm. The usual schedule for 1 class is:

	Group A
10.00	Good morning and welcome
10.15	Tutor led workshop
11.15	Tutor led workshop
12.15	Lunch
13.00	Teacher led gallery visit (RRM staff will be present in the galleries)
14.00	Prepare to depart
14.15	Depart

Schedules for more than 1 class follow the same activities but in a different order. Schedules for each visit are sent on booking.

How far in advance do I need to book?

Please give us at least 3 weeks' notice of your visit.

What if we need to cancel our visit or the Museum closes due to Covid-19?

Please give us as much notice as possible of a cancellation, and we will do the same.

Cancellations will be free of charge if made (either by the school or the Museum) due to government guidance on Covid-19.

What will be different around the Museum? What will we be able to see?

All our galleries are open as usual but, to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19, gallery interactives and touch points have either been removed or there is a regular cleaning regime in place. There is clear 'please don't touch' signage and/or barriers in place to protect gallery collections. These changes should have minimum impact on the learning activities included in our gallery challenge cards, which are sent with booking.

Can I visit the Museum before our visit to carry out a risk assessment?

Yes – please contact us to book your familiarisation visit.

Do we need to wear face coverings?

Yes, adult visitors and children over 11 years are required to wear face coverings in the Museum at all times, with the exception of those who are exempt under current government guidance.

Where I can get further information or ask any questions?

Please email us at edbookings@rrm.co.uk .