

School Workshops at the Somerset Rural Life Museum

Thank you for booking a learning workshop at the SRLM. For the experience to run smoothly, please adhere to the following guidelines both before and during your visit:

- Prior to visiting the museum, please let us know if there are any allergies or SEN requirements within your class.
- If you arrive at the museum by coach, please disembark at the drop-off point. This is located in the layby directly outside the museum gates, on Bere Lane. (A361) There are yellow lines here, but drop-off is permitted. **NB: This area is for drop-off only, and the coach will need to find a parking space elsewhere.**
- There is a car park located at the rear of the museum, accessed from the driveway on Bere Lane. There is space for minibuses to park at the far end of the carpark.

This **layby** is the **main drop-off point** for coach trips to the museum.

You can disembark from your coach at this point.



These are the museum's main vehicular gates.

Coaches **should not** turn in here or block the gateway.

- You can then enter the museum grounds via the pedestrian gate, just behind the coach drop-off point. Follow the driveway towards the carpark and the museum entrance is located around the right-hand side of the buildings.

This is the museum's **pedestrian gate**, just behind and to the left of the coach drop-off point. Proceed to the museum entrance by following the driveway towards the carpark. The museum entrance is located around the right-hand side of the buildings.



DROP-OFF LAYBY

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- Upon arrival, please let the museum reception staff know that you have arrived. The Learning Officer will meet you and you pupils in reception.
- For the duration of your visit teachers and school staff are responsible for the pupils. Please supervise them at all times whilst on site.
- Teachers and adults in your group will need to be actively involved in the workshops. The Learning Officer will make clear the roles required by school staff/parent helpers during your visit, and more details can be found in your pre-session information document, however, if you have any questions, please let us know.
- Your workshop will begin and end at the allocated times: if you require a break, please inform us prior to your visit.
- During the workshop, pupils will divide into smaller groups and complete a carousel of activities. Please see the workshop information for exact number of groups and activities. If you could decide upon these groupings before the session begins, then that would be very helpful.
- **Pupil-to-adult ratios** for our sessions are as follows. 1:4 for reception groups; 1:6 for Key Stage 1 groups; 1:8 for Key Stage 2 groups; 1:10 for Key Stage 3 and above. These ratios do not include 1:1 support. You are welcome to bring more adults if you wish.
- Teachers are encouraged to make a **pre-session site visit**, to prepare more fully for your trip to the Somerset Rural Life Museum. There is a gift shop on site should you wish pupils to bring pocket money with them. Please contact us using the below information if you would like to arrange a pre-session site visit.

We hope you enjoy your workshop and look forward to working with you again in the future.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on learning@swheritage.org.uk or via 01823 347451.

Many thanks, and we look forward to seeing you soon!