Teacher Information for School Visits



Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre

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Health and Safety

Please ensure that staff to pupil ratio follows legal guidelines according to age, and be aware that pupils may be divided into two groups during a visit. A risk assessment form is available here. There are no other groups on site during a school visit and no members of the general public, with the exception of individual researchers who may be working in the Archives.



Accessibility within the building

The 29 Garnet Street entrance gives level access to the lower ground floor, which houses the Scottish Holocaust-era Study Centre and Function Room, where the Learning Kits are delivered. There are toilets on that level, including a wheelchair accessible toilet. To get to the Synagogue, on the ground floor level, there are 20 steps and internal access between lower ground and ground floors is by stairs or by stair lift.

Please contact us if you have any questions or to discuss any specific access needs.



Travel Bus Subsidy Grant

We encourage you to use the Scottish Government Heritage Travel Subsidy for Schools to cover up to 75% of your transport costs for your visit - up to £300. This can be used for multiple class visits. More information can be found here.

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Travelling to the Heritage Centre

The best place to drop off/pick up learners is at 129 Hill Street outside the front of the Synagogue or on Sauchiehall Street (at the bottom of Garnet Street. From these areas it's a short walk to the heritage centre. Please be aware we are within the low emissions zone and one way road systems are in operation in the area.



Where to gather on arrival

When you arrive, please come to the 29 Garnet Street entrance, between Hill Street and Renfrew Street, which is the side entrance of the building and has a buzzer. It is round the corner and down the hill from the Hill Street entrance. Photos and more info can be found here.



Can we bring food?

We do not have facilities for eating lunch within the building. Only kosher food can be brought into the building. Please be aware that kosher status varies within brands/types of food so we ask that snacks are limited to the suggested items below or items listed on https://isitkosher.uk. Water is fine.

Snack Suggestions:

- Any type of fresh fruit, or vegetable snack
- Ready Salted own brand crisps from Aldi, Asda, Lidl, Sainsburys, Tesco, or also Walkers or Golden Wonder (no other flavours)
- Kit Kat, Mars bar, Snickers & Twix

Please let us know if you need any recommendations of places locally to eat and we can provide some suggestions for places to eat packed lunches.



Photography

We will send a photography permission form with the documentation when you book. This form is to be signed by a teacher on behalf of the class, and can be completed in advance of the visit or on the day. We don't always take photographs but documenting school visits is really helpful for us to promote the service and to show to funders, of course you may take as many pictures as you would like also.



What is appropriate dress?

We do not have a dress code. There is no obligation to wear religious dress when visiting us. Come as you are, school uniform is perfect. The synagogue can be cold so we recommend bringing a jumper with you.



Space for bags

We have limited bag storage on site, however we try to ensure you have the site to yourself when visiting and doors are locked for safety. Bags can be left at own risk in our function room.