

Essential Information

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Location

On the A612 between Southwell and Upton, about 13 miles north of Nottingham.

Opening times

The Workhouse is open for education group visits from February 10th to November, 27th 2009.

Booking

It is essential to book your visit to the Workhouse in advance. The National Trust stipulates that at least one adult should accompany every ten children. Teachers and accompanying adults are responsible for the behaviour and safety of children.

A **maximum of 60 children** is allowed for one education group, subject to the day, month and style of visit.

To help with planning and preparation, we recommend that you make a preliminary visit, free of charge. This should be arranged with the Community Learning Officer who will be happy to discuss your requirements.

Cost

Education Group Membership of the National Trust offers your school reduced rates for our workshops and activities. It is worthwhile discussing the benefits of membership when confirming your booking with us.

See attached sheet for current admission prices (2008/9).

Preparation and Appropriate Dress

Attached is a letter we recommend you pass on to parents when informing them of your intention to visit The Workhouse. It stresses the need for appropriate clothing and footwear. This letter is not included for older students and staff, though they should be advised to wear warm clothing and sensible shoes. Steel-tipped shoes (stilettos or kitten heels) are not allowed in The Workhouse.

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Parking

There is space in the car park for three coaches at a time.

Shop and refreshments

There is no shop at The Workhouse, so please ask children not to bring money. Nor is there a restaurant or tea-room.

Toilets

Toilets are situated in the car park, including an accessible toilet. There is another block of toilets by the main building which can be used throughout the day.

Lunch

Education groups can eat their lunch in the old stable where there is seating for 60. Your group will **not** be supervised by National Trust staff at this time, so please be prepared to take control of your class during the lunch break.

There is a green open space for the children to let off steam during lunch time if you wish.

Learning Centre

A room is available for education groups only. It is a quiet area where pupils can look at resource materials and use computers. This needs to be booked in advance.

Study Room

This is the definitive workhouse library which is available to individuals by arrangement.

Accessibility

There is easy access to the ground floor of The Workhouse, the yards, the Learning Centre and the Video room.

There is no lift in The Workhouse. However, a visit to The Workhouse can be adapted to suit children who are unable to use the stairs by bringing handling items to ground floor rooms and using activities such as role-play, story-telling and creative writing.

There is a fully accessible toilet and disabled changing room in the car park facilities block. There is another accessible toilet by the main building.

Please discuss any special requirements when booking your visit. With prior notice we can tailor a visit to the needs of your students.

No Smoking

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on The Workhouse grounds.

Photography

Photography is only allowed by prior arrangement. You will need to complete a photography permit before your visit.

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Cost of a School Visit to The Workhouse, 2008/9

We strongly recommend National Trust Education Group Membership. Members benefit from a reduced entry fee to The Workhouse and all other National Trust properties for a year.

Applications for membership can be made in advance or on the day of your visit.

Payment for the visit should be brought on the day and will be taken at lunchtime.

Cheques should be made payable to The National Trust.

Prices for students up to 16 years (incl. GCSE students)

The Workhouse activity	Price for Education Group Members	Price for non-members
Half-day session	£1.50	£4.00
Additional afternoon workshop	£1.50	£2.00
Full day	£3.00	£6.00

Prices for students over 16 years (incl. AS & A2)

The Workhouse activity	Price for Education Group Members	Price for non-members
Half-day session	£2.50	£6.00
Additional afternoon workshop	£1.50	£2.00
Full day	£4.00	£8.00

Separate Audio Tour £ 1.00 per student.

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How to prepare your child for a school visit to The Workhouse, Southwell

What to wear

The Workhouse is an historic building, over 180 years old. It was designed to house homeless and destitute people in Victorian times. The National Trust tries to give all visitors the feeling of the site as it might have been in the 1840s. That's why we don't have much heating or lighting around the building.

In the winter it can get very cold inside The Workhouse. In fact in February, March and November the indoor temperature is often the same as outdoors. We therefore recommend that your child dresses in warm layers.

The Workhouse has solid stone floors, some of which are as old as the building itself. These are uneven so we ask that children visit wearing practical shoes. We particularly request that older girls do not wear kitten or stiletto heeled shoes which can cause permanent damage to the delicate floors.

What to bring

Primary school children need nothing but their packed lunch. We provide suitable costumes unless the teacher has asked them to come in Victorian costume. Why not try making a Victorian style lunch? Think of a ploughman's meal: bread, cheese or ham, a piece of cake, an apple and a flask of water or soup. You could even wrap the food up in greaseproof paper or a handkerchief to make it really authentic!

Secondary school students should bring something to write on and a pencil to write with, as well as lunch if they are staying all day.

There is no shop at The Workhouse, so students will not need any money.

We look forward to meeting your child and hope that they thoroughly enjoy their visit to The Workhouse, Southwell.

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