

# Sudbury Hall and the National Trust Museum of Childhood

## Educational Visits Programme



**Sudbury**  
*The Place to Share Stories  
of Vision and Imagination*



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# Introduction



## Background to Sudbury Hall and the Museum of Childhood

Sudbury Hall was built in the 1660s and was the country home of the Vernon family. The house showcases some exquisite craftsmanship including: plasterwork, wood carvings and classical story-based murals.

In the Victorian service wing of the hall is The National Trust Museum of Childhood. The Museum charts different aspects of childhood past and present, exploring how school, work and home life have changed throughout history. Younger visitors can become a chimney sweep, a scullion or a Victorian pupil. Throughout the Museum there are opportunities for interaction and play.

The outside space is made up of a formal garden, lake, stable yard and a woodland play area.

## Learning Department

The Learning Department welcomes educational visits during academic term times and offers family activities during the school holidays.

There are approximately 30 volunteers in the learning team who help to deliver our educational offer.

# An Educational Visit to Sudbury

We meet school parties at 10.15am in the Stable Yard where there are toilet facilities on arrival. We then lead groups up to the lunch room in the Museum, where groups can leave their bags and coats and we give a short introductory talk.

Education Workshops led by our experienced learning team provide hands-on opportunities with artefacts and replica objects.

Museum Guidance around the galleries led by our learning team allows groups to explore the galleries in more depth.



Our learning team is happy to adapt to meet your learning objectives and to link with your topic at school. Please do inform us of your learning focus on the booking forms we send you.

If your students have any special requirements please do contact us to discuss how we can tailor our offer to suit the needs of your students.

## Terms and Conditions of an Educational Visit

- We offer school visits during Derbyshire term times.
- We can accommodate the following number of students per day:  
Reception and KS1 - 60 students.  
KS2 - 45 students.  
KS3+, college and university groups - please enquire for further details.
- Responsibility for the conduct, safety and welfare of the young people in your party remains with you at all times. In order to ensure adequate supervision of your party we ask that you ensure enough adults travel with your party to satisfy the ratios listed below;  
Reception - 1:6  
KS1 - 1:6  
KS2 - 1:8  
KS3 and KS4 - 1:10  
There will be no charge made for the adults supporting your visit. If you need to bring additional adults (e.g. students in your party need 1:1 support) please let us know in advance.
- If you have Educational Group Membership (EGM) you must bring your EGM card on the day of your visit or you may be charged admission.
- Please note all rubbish must be taken back to school with you.



## **Bookable Education Workshops- approximately 1 hour £2.40 per student**

### **Victorian Schoolroom**

#### **KS1 upwards to Higher Education**

Travel back in time to the reign of Queen Victoria when children were seen and not heard. Experience a taste of Victorian classroom learning and discipline! The lesson will include the 3 Rs of Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic. Students are offered Victorian costumes to wear for their lesson with the Victorian teacher. Remember to sit up straight!



### **What did the Victorians Play with?**

#### **KS1 and KS2 History**

This workshop contrasts the lives of rich and poor children in Victorian times. The students will explore the types of toys and games available to Victorian children. They will discover that the Victorian times was a time of invention and craftsmanship.



### **Grandma's Toys**

#### **KS1 and KS2 History, Science and Technology**

Discover how toys have changed within living memory. From 1950 to today, students will find out what toys and games their grandparents and parents played with, helping them to understand how toys have changed culturally and technologically through the decades.

### **How does it work?**

#### **EYFL, KS1 and KS2 Science and Technology**

This workshop explores how toys use different energy sources and mechanisms to work.

We have a wide range of fascinating hands-on toys with mechanisms such as clockwork, push and pull, cams, gears, stringed toys and toys with optical illusions. This is a great way to spark creativity for designing toys!



### **What's it made of?**

#### **EYFL and KS1 History and Science**

This workshop is designed for students to explore different materials and their properties. There will be a focus on materials over time changing as well as production methods. Perhaps they will even use their imaginations to dream up games with simple natural materials!

### **Teddy Bears**

#### **EYFL and KS1 History and Science**

Using our special handling collection students will learn how the Teddy bear got its name, when the first Teddy was made and how we can tell if a Teddy is old or new. Perhaps they will recognise some famous bears through time! In addition, students can go on a bear hunt around the Museum to find some of the very special Teddies that live at Sudbury!



# Visit Information

## Facilities

There is a school lunch area inside the Museum. Children can also enjoy a run around in our outdoor woodland play area.

All floors within the museum are accessible via a lift, and there are accessible toilets throughout the museum. Please let us know of any special requirements you have prior to your visit so we ensure you have an enjoyable day. Please note we can only accommodate a maximum of four wheelchair users in the Museum at one time.

The ground floor of the Hall is accessible to visitors via a ramp; however, entrance to the Hall, the upstairs and basement are only accessible via stairs.



## Arrival and Departure

We meet educational visits at 10.15am and sessions usually finish by 2.15pm. Please let us know if you need to leave earlier or if you wish to stay for longer.

The main car park is situated approximately 500m from Sudbury Hall and the Museum of Childhood on the other side of the road.

We have a designated coach drop off point by the barrier at the bottom of the drive. Please ensure that you are on the correct side of the road to remove the risk of children having to cross the road.

## Admission into Museum and Hall

Museum Admission is £3.70 per student

Hall Admission is £3.70 per student

Admission is free if you have Educational Group Membership (EGM)

For more information about EGM please see:

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/membership/educational-group-memberships/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/membership/educational-group-memberships/)

## Booking a Visit

All school visits need to be booked at least 6 weeks in advance. We require your completed booking forms to be posted back to us at least 4 weeks prior to your visit. We cannot accept electronic versions as we need original signatures.

To make a booking enquiry please email [sudbury.learning@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sudbury.learning@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call 01823 586805.

Please be aware that during school hours the learning team will usually be delivering sessions to visiting schools, so please leave an answerphone message, or send us an email with your details and we will get back to you as soon as we can. To help us deal with your booking enquiry efficiently, please let us know:

- How many students you would like to bring and year group/s.
- Whether your school is an EGM member, or will be on the date of your visit.
- Which education workshop you would like on your visit.

## Preliminary Visits

We strongly recommend that at least one member of staff visits the property in advance. This will help you to plan the details of your visit and write your own group specific risk assessment. Please contact the learning team to book this free of charge.

## Payment

You will be invoiced for admission and booked led sessions after your visit. Your school may be subject to a credit check prior to your visit. If you wish to visit the shop as part of your visit, please let us know in advance.

## Insurance

In the unlikely event of an accident, the Trust has in place insurance to cover its own legal liabilities up an indemnity limit of £100,000,000.

I am sure you will appreciate that if something that your party does causes loss or damage to the Trust we would need you to compensate us for this. This eventuality is something which groups such as yours will usually have insurance for. In order to avoid any misunderstandings we need to know before your visit that your party has such public liability insurance to a level of at least £5,000,000.

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