

## Teacher's Information Pack

### School Visits: Collection Highlights



Explore treasures of the national collection, through engaging discussions with our expert guides. Focusing on dialogue, questioning and creativity the tour will embolden students to look, respond and form opinions.

Before or after your tour you may wish to explore our [rich bank of schools resources](#) for tailored information, hi res images, activity ideas and lesson plans.

It goes without saying that the safety of our staff, guides, school groups and other visitors to the Gallery is the number one priority. **Please read this information carefully before your visit so you can help us all stay safe.**

#### **Please be aware of the following visit procedures:**

- Face coverings are mandatory in the Gallery and Gallery Shop. Please refer to the government guidelines for more information.
- Please advise us in advance if any member of your group have learning difficulties, are hard of hearing or Deaf, and require our guides to wear a visor instead of a face covering

- Large school groups must be divided into six smaller 'pods' of five students, each accompanied by an adult.
- A member of the Education Team will greet you outside the Merrion Square Entrance.
- The team member will co-ordinate splitting the group into pods. Please allocate pods and adults ahead of your visit in order to help us.
- Each pod will be met by a Guide and taken around the Gallery.

Where possible please ensuring a 2m distance is maintained between your pod and the Guide.

- At the end of the tour, the Guides will direct you to the Millennium Wing exit or your group may remain in the Gallery self-guided. However, you must remain in separate pods.
- The school will be responsible for identifying a meeting point away from the Gallery to reconvene.
- Please ensure your group listens to instructions from staff and follows the one way system at all times. This is for everyone's safety.

### **Contact tracing**

In the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the Gallery, the Gallery is obliged, under HSE guidelines, to share the following information with the HSE for contact tracing purposes:

- your name
- the number of guests (tickets) in your party
- a telephone number
- the date of your visit

This information may be shared with the HSE for up to 30 days following your visit. Please note that no other information will be shared by the Gallery with the HSE.

Please do not visit the Gallery if any of the following apply to you:

- If you are feeling unwell or are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19
- If you are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test
- If you are self-isolating or restricting your movements
- If you have been diagnosed with confirmed COVID-19 infection in the last 10 days
- If you are a close contact of a person who is a confirmed case COVID-19 in the past 14 days (i.e. less than 2m for more than 15 minutes), or of someone who is awaiting a test result
- If a doctor has advised you to isolate or cocoon
- If you have returned from international travel and are not in compliance with government guidance

**If you feel ill while in the Gallery**

Please ensure that you are wearing your mask, and notify a Museum Security Officer (MSO) while keeping a 2-metre distance from other visitors and staff. The MSO will contact a Gallery First Aid Responder who will bring you to an isolation room for assessment.

**Hand sanitiser**

Please use the hand sanitiser, which is available at the entrance and exit, and throughout the Gallery.

**Social distancing**

Please follow the directions of our staff, observe social distancing guidelines, and respect any maximum capacity signage that you see.