



## **NEW Schools programme 2020-2021: updated for Covid 19-safety**

Your visit to the British Schools Museum will include 2 sessions:

A costumed Victorian Gallery Lesson and also our new People and Places programme

**NB: Risk assessment has been carried out for the entire site. Additional risk assessment information, specific to a school visit, is provided here:**

Overview of the day's activities:

### **10.00 Welcome children and adults, and safety talk**

1. Additional members of the Education team will be on duty throughout your visit. They will assist in reminding the children to keep within their bubble, and to maintain social distancing from museum staff and volunteers. **Our regulations stipulate a 2m distance.** Museum staff will also be on duty to marshal children at 'pinch points', for example on the slope to the upper level, to ensure that there is no passing of groups.
2. During this time, the children will be arranged into small groups of 8-10, each with a visiting adult (Class teacher/T.A/L.S.A/parent) who will assist us to supervise the children throughout their visit.
3. Facemasks:

Whilst indoors, facemasks and/or face shields will be worn by all adults, including the Education team (see below\*).

For outdoor activities, the wearing of facemasks will be at the discretion of each individual, but a 2m distance will be maintained at all times.

In order to make these arrangements clear to all visiting children and adults, the following has been added:

### **10.05 Introduction and explanation of the day's events**

### **10.15 - 11.15 Victorian Gallery lesson, with role play**

4. This lesson will now take place in the much larger space of the Monitorial Schoolroom. Unlike the Gallery classroom, this is all on one level, and will eliminate the risk of possible contamination from visitors to our team members. As a small

change to the programme, the Victorian 'teacher' will not walk amongst the children, but will remain at the front of the class, at an increased distance from all visitors, and therefore eliminate the risk of possible cross contamination.

**\*For clarity, the Victorian 'teacher' will wear a face shield whilst delivering the lesson.**

### **11.15 – 11.45 Break for toilet and snack**

Extra time has been allowed in the schedule for hand washing and sanitising.

### **11.45 – 12.45 People & Places session** which includes

- Self-guided tour of Mr Fitch the Headmaster's House
- Multisensory experience of the family Fitch's everyday life within the house, including videos, authentic objects to handle - and the smells of Victorian Hitchin!

6. This part of the programme has been adapted for Covid-safety: For these sessions **the children will be in their small groups.**

**Headmaster's House:** With supervising adult, the children will tour the House in pairs, with a 'one pair in, one pair out' arrangement. Museum staff will be on hand to help with this.

**Virtual tour:** The videos and show-and-tell session will take place in the Meeting room, which is a large, airy space.

**Museum collections:** Any artefacts that the children handle will be placed in a box at the end of the session to be sanitised. Each group will handle a new set of 'clean' artefacts.

**Information boards:** As previously, these will be available but with the addition of picture prompt sheets for the children. This station will be in the open air, but under cover (gazebos), in case of rain.

### **12.45 DRILL lesson**

This session will take place in the open air, but can be undercover, should it rain.

### **1.00 – 1.30 Lunch**

Will take place in the spacious Monitorial Schoolroom. The children will have chosen a seat when they arrive and left their lunches underneath, so that they can return to their place quickly and safely to eat lunch.

### **1.30 Farewell**