



Ayscoughfee Hall

Museum and Gardens

SEN Resource Pack



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Introduction for SEN teachers and pupils

Welcome to Ayscoughfee Hall Museum and Gardens.

The staff at Ayscoughfee Hall Museum and Gardens are committed to sharing the building and collections with as wide an audience as possible and addressing the learning styles and needs of potential lifelong learners. Visitors with special educational needs require support in many and varied ways. It is obvious that we are not able to address all those needs but we would like to encourage and support all visitors in the best way we can.

Two resource packs have been designed to support teacher-led self-directed class visits to Ayscoughfee Hall Museum and Gardens.

Each resource pack provides ideas, information and practical advice for pupils engaging with Ayscoughfee Hall Museum and Gardens. Resource Pack 1 is designed for use in learning at Key Stage 1 and 2. Resource Pack 2 is for use at Key Stage 3. These are arranged as a general information pack plus thematic packs for primary and secondary studies linked to the National Curriculum.

Each theme contains:

- pre-visit activity ideas
- information sheets for adults or good readers to use in small group work during your visit
- worksheets to use during your visit are also available to download separately so that they can be edited for differentiation by teachers
- information on the resource handling boxes and interactive displays in the Museum
- follow-up ideas to try back at school

The resource packs have been designed so that they are not overtly described as being used by pupils at any particular learning stage. Older children needing more support can explore concepts and activities in Resource Pack 1, whilst younger pupils requiring extended learning activities can use Resource Pack 2.

Supporting SEN at Ayscoughfee Hall Museum and Gardens

The Resource Packs have been developed through advice from SEN teachers and best practice within museums nationally. The packs are provided to encourage discussion about the various learning themes within the Museum and Gardens. Questions and directions are suggested for group leaders with key background information to support exploration and learning.

The packs are available as .pdf files to download from the Museum's website for use on personal computers and then adjusted to appropriate text size. The design is clear and spacious with information presented in a variety of 'chunks'.

Activity sheets have been designed to highlight key concepts and are also available in word format for teachers to edit and personalise the language and content for their pupils. There is an emphasis on quick note-taking, drawing or just having a go at answering some starter questions!

In addition to the learning packs a series of resource boxes have been developed and are made available to groups who book a visit in advance. The boxes contain a range of handling objects linked to the pack themes. Some objects are original and some

are replicas, but importantly available for multi-sensory exploration from spices to smell to objects to feel and look at closely.

There are also costumes to try on to encourage speaking, listening and empathetic role-play.

Inside the boxes are a variety of illustrated information sheets and facsimile documents. Coloured reading rulers are available to support dyslexic readers. A4 magnifying sheets are also available for closer examination of documents and information sheets.

The galleries also have a wide variety of simple but effective interactive and engaging displays to simulate discussion and learning.

Getting the best from your group visit

Although there is not an Education Officer at Ayscoughfee Hall Museum the Museum Manager or Assistant Manager are available to help plan a successful visit and positively encourage teachers to visit before bringing their class.

They are available to help address any accessibility or other issues so that each and every visitor enjoys engaging with the Museum.

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Facilities

There is a ramp access to the building and a lift to the first floor. Some of the floors within the Museum are uneven due to their historic building construction and some galleries have steps. A preliminary visit will enable you to assess the areas most accessible for your pupils.

Accessible toilet facilities for disabled visitors are available on the ground floor.

The spacious gardens are well served by level paths and an opportunity to view Ayscoughfee Hall from the outside.

Parking

Designated spaces for disabled drivers are available to the left of the Museum and also within the pay and display car park adjacent to the museum. Coaches may stop at the front gates but as a drop-off/pick-up only. The driveway is level and spacious with a short distance to the front entrance of the Museum.

