



Western Approaches School Guide

Below is an itinerary to show the standard format of School visits to Western Approaches HQ. This document can be used to plan your visit and to gain further insight into how our tours operate.

Western Approaches offers fully immersive and interactive experiences to school groups of all ages. A standard school visit to Western Approaches consists of an indoor tour, a workshop on the impact of war on Liverpool and a short outdoor tour. The total length of your visit will be 3.5 hours including lunch. We may be able to cater to special requests for your tour but cannot guarantee it.

Timings

A standard school visit to Western Approaches will last 3 hours including a lunch break. The indoor tour will last approximately 1.5 hours, with the workshop and outdoor tour taking approximately 45 minutes each. We also offer a 30-minute rest/lunch period that can be placed at any point during your visit.

Content

Indoor Tour

Children will receive a full guided tour of the bunker, learning about its role in WW2 and the importance of the Battle of the Atlantic. Children will also be free to interact with all exhibits such as typewriters, rotary phones, radios and more. The tour will be led by one of our Wartime Characters in full uniform.

Children will also receive the opportunity to dress in period military uniforms or period civilian clothes for the duration of the visit.

Workshop

An interactive workshop will be held showing the impact of the Blitz and Rationing on Liverpool and how they affected the daily life of people living in the city. This also includes authentic object handling, games, and group activities.



An outdoors tour will also take place. This will show the children sights such as the Exchange Flags and Nelson Memorial, shrapnel damage caused by German bombs, several ghost signs, giant street art and St Nicholas's Parish Church. This can also include an optional naval drill.

Lunchroom

We offer a private lunchroom for your group. This is offered at our discretion and may not be available during your visit. Our lunchroom can accommodate up to 45 sat at tables and up to 64 in mixed seating.

Notes

The maximum group size is 32, groups larger than this will be split into 2 groups. For groups larger than 64 please get in touch via the enquiry form on our website.