

# School Visits to the Highland Museum of Childhood 2018

P1 - P7

## Frequently Asked Questions



<p><b>What is our vision?</b></p>	<p>To provide a welcoming museum that celebrates our heritage and collections, opens doors and inspires creativity, learning and enjoyment for all.</p>
<p><b>Where are we located?</b></p>	<p>In Strathpeffer's old Victorian Station</p>
<p><b>What is in the museum to interest schools or that links to the curriculum?</b></p>	<p>Topics we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life in Grandma's Day or Childhood Long Ago</li> <li>• Toys &amp; Games</li> <li>• Victorians in the Highlands</li> <li>• WWII Childhood</li> </ul> <p>Our displays have old photographs, audio-visuals, oral history DVD with old folks' stories about childhood, old toys, dolls and games; other childhood and family items, furniture, costume and school items. We believe the learning activities offered by a museum visit underpin the principles of the <b>Curriculum for Excellence</b>.</p>
<p><b>What will the school visit consist of?</b></p>	<p>Our Education Space <b>THE GOODS SHED</b> is specifically used for group sessions. In here pupils can participate in group discussions, handle museum objects and explore their stories, dress-up and role-play, playtime/break and play traditional games outside. In the museum they can also investigate the collections and displays through self led activities.</p>
<p><b>How do you make a booking?</b></p>	<p>We take provisional bookings by telephone or e-mail. Please check dates with us before booking the coach. We will e-mail information and activity sheets to choose from. Please confirm by e-mail.</p>
<p><b>How much does it cost?</b></p>	<p>Schools cost is £1.75 per pupil, accompanying adults are free. This cost includes a facilitated session, a free postcard for each pupil and use of our facilities over lunch time.</p>
<p><b>What facilities are there for those with disabilities?</b></p>	<p>We have a portable wheelchair ramp for access to the museum. The education room is fully accessible from the platform and has a accessible toilet.</p>
<p><b>Who will lead the session?</b></p>	<p>Our curator &amp; manager will spend 1.5 - 2 hours with your class in a facilitated session.</p>

<b>How long will a visit take?</b>	Anything between 1.5 - 2 hours. We are flexible as to what time you arrive and depart.
<b>What else is there to do?</b>	<p>You can bring lunch or a picnic with you. Weather-permitting you can have lunch outside at the picnic benches. Alternatively you can use our education room for lunch. The museum gift shop has lots of <b>pocket-money</b> priced toys! We recommend children bring about £2 - £2.50. The Coffee Shop is open full- time April-Oct and part-time in winter months call: 07759 690 459</p> <p>Other activities after lunch can include a visit to <b>The Pump Room</b> which is open part-time. Please call 07801 759 217 if you want to arrange a visit or check opening hours. There is also Pictish Eaglestone to visit or a self led walk around the village. Ask us for an information sheet and map.</p>
<b>What do teachers bring?</b>	Bring one copy of a museum activity sheet per pupil which will be e-mailed beforehand for you to print at school. We provide clipboards and pencils. Please also bring cash or a school cheque to pay. We also accept credit cards.
<b>Opening times</b>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October, Mon-Sat 10am -5pm &amp; Sun 12-4pm</p> <p>From November – March we open by appointment for schools &amp; groups.</p>
<b>Contact</b>	<p>Alison Boyle, Curator &amp; Manager The Old Station, Strathpeffer, IV14 9DH</p> <p><b>T: 01997 421031 (April-October)</b></p> <p><b>E: <a href="mailto:alison@highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk">alison@highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk</a></b></p> <p>*Please e-mail <a href="mailto:alison@highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk">alison@highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk</a> from November to March when we are closed to book a visit.</p>
<b>Are we a Highland Council Museum?</b>	No, we are an accredited independent museum and Scottish Charity No. SC 033930. Although we do receive a small amount of revenue assistance from The Highland Council we are a charity organisation mainly run by volunteers.