



## Guidelines for Schools & Organised Groups

HMS Unicorn is always happy to welcome schools and organised groups on board. Through interacting with the ship and its historic collection, we aim to help visitors of all ages develop an understanding of local, social and maritime history, as well as engineering, mechanics and a wide range of other topics.

We offer various services for schools and organised groups including guided tours, handling sessions and interactive workshops. For more information, please visit our Learning Page at [www.hmsunicorn.org.uk/learning](http://www.hmsunicorn.org.uk/learning).

We also offer a lively outreach programme, with presentations tailored to your own requirements and age group.

### Education Policy Statement

Education is a core function of the Unicorn Preservation Society and the Society aims to promote the value of HMS Unicorn and its collections as unique learning resource.

The Society supports this policy by encouraging learners of all ages to visit Unicorn, to make use of the Society's educational resource materials and facilities and to take advantage of the Society's outreach programme.

### Educational Objectives

The Unicorn Preservation Society aims to:

- Enhance learners' knowledge and awareness of heritage
- Provide opportunities for first-hand experiences with artefacts and historic collections

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- Deepen and extend classroom learning in a meaningful and stimulating manner
- Provide an enriching experience from which all learners can develop their own perceptions of history
- Support teachers and group leaders in planning and delivering experiences and activities on board HMS Unicorn

## Booking

All visits must be booked in advance by contacting HMS Unicorn's Learning and Engagement Officer on (01382) 200900 or at [finlay@hmsunicorn.org.uk](mailto:finlay@hmsunicorn.org.uk).

## Access

Please note that HMS Unicorn is an old ship and her Upper Deck, Mess Deck and Orlop Deck are only accessible via ladder stairs. Accessible toilets are located off ship. For further information please contact the museum directly.

## Photography

Visitors are allowed to take photos and reuse for educational purposes.

## Planning Visits

Teachers and leaders are encouraged to visit the museum first for a free planning visit. If you wish to do so then please contact the ship directly to organise this.

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## Lunch Space

Whilst we allow learners to use the Upper Deck for eating snack and packed lunches, it is the leader's responsibility to ensure the space is clean of any resulting debris post-lunch.

## Pre-Visit Information

To support you in preparing for your visit, links to HMS Unicorn's Health and Safety Policy and Pre-Visit information (Risk Assessment) will be provided in the confirmation email.

## Safety Guidelines

It is important to note the fragility and historical importance of HMS Unicorn. When you step on board the ship, you are stepping onto a structure that is nearly 200 years old, and a very rare survivor from the Georgian period. Consequently, we ask that you take great care when exploring this unique ship.

Please note that you are responsible for the health and safety of your group at all times during your visit. Please read the guidelines in the pre-visit information and ensure that they have been shared with all accompanying adults.

## Supervision Guidelines

The behaviour of learners at HMS Unicorn is the responsibility of teachers, leaders and adult supervisors. Please ensure your group meets the minimum adult to child ratio for your visit. Children will be required to be supervised at all times.

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Level	Minimum	Recommended
Early: Nursery to P1 (between ages 3-6)	1:6	1:4
First: P2 – P4 (between ages 5-8)	1:10	1:8
Second: P5 – P7 (between ages 8-12)	1:10	1:10
Third and Fourth: S1-S3 (ages 11-15)	1:15	1:10
Senior phase: S4-S6 (ages 14-18)	1:30	1:30

If the behaviour of anyone in a group adversely affects the ship and its collection or the safety or enjoyment of other learners, visitors or staff, we may require the group to leave.

## Further Details

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Tel – (01382) 200900

Website – [www.hmsunicorn.org.uk/learning](http://www.hmsunicorn.org.uk/learning).

The Unicorn Preservation Society is a charity registered in Scotland, number SC002771 and is company limited by guarantee, registration number SC046145.

The registered address is The Vision Building, 20 Greenmarket, Dundee, United Kingdom, DD1 4QB.

The Unicorn Preservation Society is affiliated with the National Museum of the Royal Navy and is a member of the UK National Historic Ships' Fleet.

The Royal Patron of the Unicorn Preservation Society is HRH The Princess Royal.

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