



## HMS Unicorn School Visits Policy

HMS Unicorn welcomes school and other educational visits and is keen to engage with any interested groups wishing to use HMS Unicorn as an aid to develop an understanding of local history, social history, engineering, mechanics and a wide range of other topics.

We offer a range of group visit packages including guided tours, handling sessions and school workshops.

For more information, please check out the [Unicorn Learning Guide](#).

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

### Education Policy Statement

The Unicorn Preservation Society has, from its very beginning, recognised education as a core function of the society and aims to promote the value of HMS Unicorn and its collections as unique learning resource.

The Society supports this policy by encouraging all levels and ages of pupil and student 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.

### Education Objectives

The Unicorn Preservation Society aims to:

- Expand visitors' knowledge and awareness of heritage
- Enhance awareness and understanding of the importance of heritage

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- Provide opportunities to experience and use real artefacts and historical evidence
- Deepen and extend classroom experience in a meaningful, stimulating manner
- Provide an enriching experience from which children and mature students can develop their own perceptions of history
- Support teachers and course organisers in planning appropriate activities for a class visit

## HMS Unicorn

It is important to note the fragility and historical importance of HMS Unicorn. As pupils' step on board they are stepping onto a structure that is nearly 200 years old, and a very rare survivor from the Georgian period, and consequently great care must be taken as they explore this unique ship.

## Booking

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

## Access

Please note Unicorn is an old ship and her Upper Deck, Mess Deck and Orlop 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.



## Lunch space

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

## Planning visits

Teachers can visit the museum first for a totally free planning visit: please contact the ship directly to organise this.

## 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.

## Supervision guidelines

The behaviour of pupils at the HMS Unicorn is the responsibility of teachers and adult supervisors. Please ensure your group meets the minimum adult to pupil ratio for your class. Pupils will be required to be supervised at all times.

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.

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

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If the behaviour of anyone in a school group adversely affects the safety or enjoyment of other pupils, visitors or staff, or staff believes behaviour to be detrimental to the ship, we may require the school group to leave.

**For more information, please contact HMS Unicorn's Learning and Engagement Officer at [learning@frigateunicorn.org](mailto:learning@frigateunicorn.org)**

## Further Details

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The Unicorn Preservation Society is affiliated with the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

HMS Unicorn is a member of the UK National Historic Ships' Fleet.

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