

GEORGE STREET CHAPEL

SCHOOL EDUCATION VISITS

A truly inspiring experience



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Welcome to George Street Chapel! Oldham's Grade II* listed former Independent Methodist Chapel; a stunning and unique building full of history and tales of the past - hidden in the hustle and bustle of Oldham's town centre!

In 2004 Age UK Oldham rescued the neglected building intending to open it for community use in the town centre, soon became fascinated by its history and realised its potential.

Generous funding from Heritage Lottery Fund, the Andrew Lloyd Webber Fund and Viridor has enabled Age UK Oldham to restore the building with its magnificent organ to its former glory, creating a local heritage centre which incorporates former cellar dwellings in the basement. Volunteer actors portraying local characters whose everyday lives have been carefully researched bring a lively aspect to the Heritage tours and school educational visits.

EDUCATION PACK

Our Schools Programme has been developed to provide children with an exciting way of engaging their young minds with history and encouraging them to use their imaginations and powers of creative thinking.

George Street Chapel welcomes groups of all ages. The site is a fantastic resource for schools to explore. We offer a range of unique opportunities that bring learning to life in a very special setting. Children from KS1 and KS2 gain a real understanding of what life was like in the Victorian period. The fun and interactive learning experiences and activity workshops will ensure children remain attentive and interested.

Our education team will engage and inspire your class with the story of George Street Chapel and the cellar dwellings. Through role play and interpretation, 'time travelling' enables children to travel back to the Victorian era, meeting real characters and learning about many aspects of a hard life as a Victorian life.

A series of activity workshops, worksheets and materials will provide your class with a hands-on experiential learning experience with clear and detailed links to the National Curriculum.

During your time at George Street Chapel, history will come alive as the children dress in costume and meet characters who lived, visited or worshipped at the former cellar dwellings and the Chapel during Victorian times.

Your class will experience hands-on activities which will illustrate the similarities and differences between the mid nineteenth century and today and learn about local history in a unique learning environment full of memories from the last two hundred years.

We are happy to work with you to devise a programme that will fit with your learning objectives. You can sample our standard visit packages or work with us to put together a personally tailored experience for your class.

Teachers can organise a pre visit in order to carry out a risk assessment. This can be arranged by contacting us.



HOW YOUR DAY WILL WORK

You can choose either option for a full day tour

Option A

- Take part in all 4 interactive learning experiences in the cellar dwelling
 - ⇒ Wash Day
 - ⇒ Life below George Street
 - ⇒ Chapel School Room
 - ⇒ Chapel experience
- Enjoy 4 out of 10 Workshop Activities in the main chapel

Option B

- Take the Going Up Town Historical Oldham trail
- Enjoy 4 out of 10 workshop activities in the main chapel

A carousel of 10 workshop activities are detailed later in this programme for you to choose from.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES (Included in Option A)

WASH DAY

The traditional day for the washing to be done was a Monday. Very few wives then went out to work, and to wash on Sundays and hang it on the line was thought rather disgraceful as the former dwellings are situated underneath the Chapel, this was strictly forbidden.

Martha Titter will be busily attending to her family's washing as you arrive. As the former dwellings did not have the luxury of modern life, Martha attends to her washing outside with a dolly tub, posser and mangle.

Your class will be greeted by Martha dressed in Victorian costume. Martha will demonstrate how she deals with this huge weekly task of washing for her family of six. Pupils will be asked to help Martha as she washes in her dolly tub and hangs clothes with dolly pegs on her washing line.

LIFE BELOW GEORGE STREET

Mary Hall's cellar dwelling is cramped, has no plumbing and is damp and draughty. This Back of George street experience gives a shocking insight into the lives of the poor Victorian working class.

Mary will show you around her modest home and explain to you how her family live, eat, sleep and play.

Mary has a large family and spends her day cleaning the house, cooking meals for her husband and children, making and mending clothes for everyone as well as helping sweep and dust the chapel daily.

Mary enjoys having some company as well as some help. Your class will be asked to help her with some of the tasks from sweeping to washing the family crockery in time for dinner.

CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM

Your class will say goodbye to Mary Hall and her home - it's time for school....

Our school experience brings the 1850 classroom to life. It was rarely enjoyable, school was disciplined and regimented - sometimes even brutal!

Prepare your class for a tough class room experience.

Miss Hopwood will ring the bell 'It's time for school!'

When the bell rings, the children will line up in silence in height order – boys first, have their hands inspected and washed in cold water with carbolic soap.

They will recite morning prayers, have a lesson in writing using slates and slate pencils and practise arithmetic and times tables.

‘GOING UP TOWN’ HISTORICAL TRAIL (Included in Option B)

Oldham’s “Going Up Town” Historical Trail has plenty of adventure for young minds; tales of merciless ducking, a great fire, hidden faces and the Oldham Giant! With worksheets and maps this trail is a fun way to understand Oldham’s history. This trail takes you from George Street up through the Town Centre, exploring Oldham Parish Church crypt and finishes back at the chapel.

There is lots to see and learn along the way, plus we’ve included some activities for the journey.

CHAPEL WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

Choose four from a carousel of ten visual, auditory and kinaesthetic workshop activities.

These will encourage independent learning through first hand experiences central to the curriculum. Your class will divide into smaller groups of up to 8 and spend 25 minutes in each activity area. All activities are supported with an Education Team interactor in costume, who will work alongside the group throughout.

Activity One: HISTORICAL DETECTIVE

A bag has been found on the steps of the chapel ...who does it belong to?? Together in a group, children will build up a picture of the owner using the evidence they find inside.

Could your group be our next Chapel Detective and help solve the mystery of the bag?

Worksheets support this activity

Activity Two: WICKED WINDOWS

Coloured glass panels in our chapel windows make impressive reflections.

Children create their own stained glass window with the use of art materials.

The window template has the same outside structure but also a space in the middle for the children to add their own central picture.

Activity Three: COPY CAT

Children can take an outline rubbing of both Martha & Joseph Titter from our etched blackboards or colour in the figures directly with chalk.

Children may also draw their own figures copying from scratch.

A range of chalks, pencils and crayons is available for this activity

Activity Four: I-SPY FLIPBOOK

A fun group activity where children play i-spy and look around the chapel identifying photographs of chapel items with questions to answer.

I-Spy develops speaking and listening skills in a group context.

A worksheet supports this activity

Activity Five: TEAM JIGSAW

Two groups of children work together on this wonderful chapel jigsaw which includes a historical timeline including monarchs from 1815 and important events in the chapel and Oldham's history.

Chalk rubbings can be made once the jigsaw is complete – this activity involves two groups working simultaneously

Activity Six: EASY EASELS

Using an easel like the artists of yesteryear, join the dots to draw the magnificent chapel organ. Bring the organ to life using a range of chalks, pencils and crayons.

Blank paper is available for older children who wish to draw the organ free hand

Activity Seven: PEG PEOPLE

A creative and simple craft project for children.

Following clear instructions from the costumed guide children make their own unique chapel peg person.

A great fun activity and a memory to take home

Activity Eight: PEN AND INK

This great little art activity for children demonstrates the basics of calligraphic lettering using a nib pen and ink

Handwriting samplers to complete and a sand tray to practice letter style and flow

Activity Nine: CHAPEL HUNTER

Themed fun activity trail around the Chapel searching for clues – a great activity to keep them moving and searching.

A worksheet completed on the trail keeps them thinking individually and working as a team to solve the clues and find the hidden treasure. This includes activity on the top floor balcony and needs close supervision – see risk assessment

Activity Ten: STORY TELLER

Story telling is a powerful way to engage children and encourages them to listen to a parable and follow on with a group discussion

Led by a costumed interactor this lovely activity will bring our story to life.

USEFUL INFORMATION

TEACHER PREVIEW VISITS

Our free Teacher Preview visits is offered to give you the opportunity to explore the building dependant on availability , and carry out your own risk assessment.

The building and its environment including activities, equipment etc. have been risk assessed by Age UK Oldham qualified staff and a copy is enclosed with this pack.

All visits must be booked in advance by calling Age UK Oldham Education Team on **0161 622 9252 / 0161 622 9264**

DISABLED ACCESS

Jackson's Pit entrance has full disabled access and a lift facility will take you to the main chapel floor – this does not reach the upper gallery.

Toilets are available on the lower ground floor with full disabled facilities and baby changing.

A loop system is installed throughout the building with headsets available.

GROUP SIZE AND SUPERVISION

Each group must have a maximum of 30 children. However, to ensure safety and maximise the tour, classes will split into groups and enjoy all of the experiences simultaneously.

We require that all education groups are supervised at all times whilst on site. The minimum supervision we require is four adults for every group of thirty students aged 8 – 16 and 6 adults for every group of thirty children aged 4 – 7. During the hands-on part of the teaching sessions, classes will be divided into groups of up to 8.

We reserve the right to refuse admission to groups with inadequate numbers of adults. Please ensure that all adults accompanying your trip understand that they are responsible for the behaviour of the students in their care.

LUNCH

A lunch area is provided for schools for your own lunches. Please ensure food and drink is only consumed in designated areas.

SCHOOL BUS / COACH DROP-OFF

Buses are recommended to drop off or pick up school groups across the way on Silver Street. Your tour guides will wait for you outside and assist - chapel tour guides will be wearing high visibility jackets and name badges.

There is no car park at George Street Chapel.

The nearest long stay car parking is the Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre car park and is situated across the road with the entrance on Silver Street.

The nearest Metro stop is 140 metres away on Union St West.

SCHOOL BOOKINGS GUIDELINES AND PRICES

BOOKING INFORMATION

You can book by completing a school bookings request form and sending it by email or post to the following: Education Team, George Street Chapel, Age UK Oldham 10 Church Lane, Oldham, OL1 3AN

Enquiries: 0161 622 9252 / 0161 622 9264 Email: info@georgestreetchapel.com

All booking requests are subject to availability and cannot be considered booked until you have received confirmation.

We regret that we cannot accept provisional bookings.

Please ensure that you have your confirmation letter to hand when you arrive.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME CHARGES

A lunch area is provided for your group so please bring your own lunch bags

Charge per class (upto 30 x pupils)	£360.00
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Additional cost per pupil	£12.00
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Cancellations and Rescheduling

If you need to cancel, please call us direct on 0161 622 9252 / 0161 622 9264 or head office 0161 633 0213 or email us as soon as possible. info@georgestreetchapel.com

We reserve the right to cancel guided trail visits based on weather conditions, but will notify schools of cancellations as far in advance as possible.

Penalties

If you cancel a teaching session with less than 15 working days' notice, you will be charged the full rate.

SCHOOL BOOKINGS REQUEST FORM

Please read the school bookings guidelines before completing.

School name:
School address and postcode:
Group leader name:
Telephone number:
Email address:
Total no. of pupils / students:
Total number of adults:
Key stage:
Year group:
Do any of the children in your group have specific access requirements / additional needs? YES / NO?
If yes please provide more information below.

Preferred date of visit (please provide a choice of three dates in preferential order)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please choose

OPTION A / OPTION B

Please choose your 4 workshop activities:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Thank you and please send completed booking forms to The Education Team:

Email: info@georgestreetchapel.com

George Street Chapel, Age UK Oldham, 10 Church Lane, Oldham OL1 3AN

Please note that all booking requests are subject to availability and cannot be considered booked until you have received a confirmation email. If you have any further questions about your booking please contact the Education Team on 0161 622 9252 / 0161 622 9264 or info@georgestreetchapel.com