Coronavirus and educational visits
The National Museum of Computing
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The National Museum of Computing is following government instructions to educational establishments on this matter. This policy is based on government “Guidance for full opening: Schools” 7 August 2020. We take the health and welfare of our visitors, staff and volunteers very seriously. The museum is open to the public from Tuesday 8 September 2020.


“In the autumn term, schools can resume non-overnight domestic educational visits. These trips should include any trips for pupils with SEND connected with their preparation for adulthood (for example, workplace visits, travel training etc.). This should be done in line with protective measures, such as keeping children within their consistent group, and the COVID-secure measures in place at the destination. Schools should also make use of outdoor spaces in the local area to support delivery of the curriculum. As normal, schools should undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits to ensure they can be done safely. As part of this risk assessment, schools will need to consider what control measures need to be used and ensure they are aware of wider advice on visiting indoor and outdoor venues. Schools should consult the health and safety guidance on educational visits when considering visits.”

The following risk reduction measures are in place:
- Only 1 school will be admitted to the museum at a time.
- There will be a 30-minute change over period between the full day visit and the afternoon visit to allow for cleaning.
- Hand sanitisers are available throughout the museum
- Interactive equipment will be wiped over at the end of every session
- School start times will be adjusted to avoid clashes with public visitors
- Where possible groups should be kept in their bubbles.
- Students should wear masks when working outside of their bubble for example on the gallery or in larger groups.

According to our standard terms and conditions you have up to 30 days before your visit to cancel without charge. To reflect the uncertainty of the current situation we have worked with our staff to agree a temporary cancellation policy. For the autumn term you may transfer your visit booking with up to 1 weeks’ notice into a remote learning visit. Your booking will be converted for no extra charge and rescheduled to a suitable time. If you are required to cancel your visit due to a public health or government order you can cancel at any time provided you evidence the order.

The bookings calendar is active for the 2020-2021 academic year. See https://bookwhen.com/tnmoceducation
We are also offering remote learning packages which can be accessed by your students wherever they are. See https://bookwhen.com/tnmocremotepackages

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