

The Pankhurst Centre: A visual story for schools



Arrival

When you arrive at the museum, one of your adult helpers will ring the front door bell to let us know you've arrived.

Please line up by the railings until you come into the building. Be sure to leave room along the pavement for other people to walk by.

You'll notice that we are right by the hospital. It can be very busy, so please stay together in your line.



Meeting our guide

You'll come into the building to meet our guide. They'll introduce themselves and make sure your class is split into smaller groups for exploring the museum.

The guide will tell you a little bit about the house, and about the Pankhurst family before you go off to explore.

They'll also tell you our museum rules. Our friendly guides know lots about the Pankhursts, so you can ask them questions, if you have any.



Your coats and bags

If you've brought coats and bags, you can hang them on the coat hooks in our Learning Space.

Our guide will take you to leave your things there. You'll be able to pick them up at the end of your visit.

You might come back to the Learning Space during your visit, to do some activities.



Exploring the museum

The museum was once Emmeline Pankhurst's house, where she lived with her family.

You'll follow a museum trail, which will help you to explore, and do fun activities along the way.

Your adult helper will show your group where to go and will stay with you while you explore, and answer any questions you might have along the way.



Gallery One

In this room you'll find out about the different members of the Pankhurst family and their lives here in Manchester.

There are objects you can pick up and read to find out more, and there is information written on the walls too.

The walls are painted black, like a giant chalkboard, but there are three windows, so the room is very bright.



Gallery Two

You'll discover lots of information here about the suffragettes.

There's a video to watch and listen to, so you can find out about what the suffragettes did, and why some people were against Votes For Women.

The video can be turned off for those who don't like flashing images or loud noise. You can explore the room and find out lots about the suffragettes without it.



The parlour

This room is decorated in Edwardian style, to help you imagine what it might have been like when the Pankhurst family lived here.

There are some steps down into the room. If using steps is a problem for you, we can let you into the room another way.

You can sit at the table, explore the room, and imagine being at the first meeting of the suffragettes!



The Exhibition Space

You'll gather in our Exhibition Space at the start and end of your visit, and you might do a craft activity on your trail here too.

It's our biggest room in the museum, so lots of activities take place here, and we have sometimes have exhibitions and things to look at on the walls.



Toilets

We have two toilets, on the ground floor, next to the Learning Space.

One of them is accessible for people who use a wheelchair.

Your adult helper will take you to the toilets when you need to use them.



Garden

We have a lovely garden at the Pankhurst Centre. If the weather is good, you might visit the garden for an activity as part of your trail.

You can eat and drink in our garden, so if you've brought a snack, here's a good place to have it.



Museum Rules

While you're in the Pankhurst Centre, please don't:

- Chew gum (it might get stuck on things)
- Eat or drink in the museum (but you can in the garden)
- Run (we're a very small museum and there's no room to run around safely)
- Play the piano or touch the lovely china on display in the parlour (but you can touch most other things in the museum. Hurray.)



If you need a seat or a quiet space

We can find you a quiet space in the museum if you need one. Just tell your guide or adult helper.

If you need to sit down, you can use the chairs in the museum, and you can sit on the floors too!

There are some benches in the garden to sit on, and it's one of our lovely quiet spaces too.



Evacuation

If everyone needs to leave the museum in an emergency, you'll hear an alarm.

To leave the museum, go out by the emergency exit doors, with this sign. →

Your adult helper will show you the way and stay with you.



Goodbye!

At the end of your visit, you'll collect your bags and coats and gather in the Exhibition Space to get ready to return to school.

If you have time, you might do some marching, just like the suffragettes, and chant 'Votes For Women'.

If it's good weather, you can march in the garden. If not, you can chant in the exhibition space.

