



Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Hazard information sheet for education groups for HMS Victory

Guidelines for visiting teachers

To help your visit go as smoothly as possible you should be aware of the following:

A ratio of 1:5 is recommended for KS1 and 1:8 for KS2-4. Adults will be admitted free in these ratios. Groups should be no more than 30 in size (including adults).

Warm clothes are essential in the colder months – Victory is unheated and open to the elements.

Anyone entering HMS Victory may be subject to a bag search.

Tours on board ship are very time sensitive. You should aim to be at the ship at least 5 minutes before your tour time unless specified elsewhere.

You are responsible for the conduct and health and safety of your group at all times. Although HMS Victory staff are trained to take the highest care of the health and safety of your group, HMS Victory staff are not legally responsible for them.

Should someone in your group require medical assistance please make it known to a Victory Guide.

In the event of an alarm, please follow the instructions given by the Victory Guides. Do not stop to collect your belongings. The muster point is underneath the tented area in the Victory arena on the port (left-hand) side of the ship.

Photography is permitted throughout the ship during Free Flow with the exception of the shrine. If you are on a guided tour you will not be able to take photographs.

Please ensure that you group stay together while touring the ship, Guides are trained to wait until the entire group are present before starting their presentations.

If you need a meeting point for your group, the anchor in the tented, Victory arena on the port (left-hand) side of the ship is suggested.

There are no toilets on board the ship; however there are toilets in the tented Victory arena on the port (left-hand) side of the ship.

During the tour it may not be possible to linger in a particular area and it will not be possible to return to areas already visited due the nature of the touring system. If you wish to tour at your own pace, without a guide, HMS Victory operates an unguided free flow system at various times throughout the year, particularly during the summer months. Please telephone the number below for details

If some of the members of your group are wheelchair users please be aware that only the lower gun deck is wheelchair accessible. A video presentation of the ship is available at 1pm each day. Please telephone the number below for details.