

Worcester in WWII
Hands-On Activities for KS2

Information for Teachers

1. Tudor House is available for school visits throughout the year, except for Wednesdays when it is open to the public. (10.00am – 4.00pm)
The cost for an activity day is £2.75 per pupil, adults are free of charge.
Because some of our rooms are quite small the maximum number of children per visit is 36.
2. Toilet and hand washing facilities are available at Tudor House. We recommend that a responsible adult in your party is on 'toilet duty' during the visit.
3. A room is available for your class to eat a packed lunch.
4. WWII activities are led by our volunteer staff together with some help from you and your staff.
Overall supervision and safety of the children rests with the teacher in charge from the school.
For part of the morning the class will be split into 3 groups so at least three adults from the school need to be present.

It adds a lot to the activities if the children arrive at Tudor House dressed in 1940's style clothing, but not wearing evacuee labels as this is incorporated into the first activity.

5. The visit starts with a whole-group introduction to evacuees and evacuation.

The class is then divided into 3 groups and they rotate around 3 more activities –

- They experience the sounds of wartime, talk to our volunteer air raid wardens about their roles and handle the artefacts they would have used
- They use secondary sources to identify events and activities related to war time life, and use role play to help consolidate their learning. They may also be able to talk to someone who was an evacuee.
- With volunteers who were themselves children during the war, they explore the reasons and consequences of rationing

There is a short break during the morning. Lunch will not be until 1.00pm so please encourage your class to bring a substantial mid morning snack for break time.

6. Schools usually arrive at 10.00am and leave 1.30pm -2.00pm – but with sufficient notice we can be flexible with timings.
7. A range of gifts is available for purchase in our shop, starting from around 50p. Tudor House is run totally by volunteers, we have no outside funding and the revenue from the shop is a significant part of our income. We are always very grateful when schools allow their pupils to bring a little pocket money.