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## KENT LIFE EDUCATION VISITS - THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE

We hope that you enjoy your visit to Kent Life. Please take a few moments to read the following information, designed to make your visit as stress free as possible.

### GETTING HERE

#### Directions by Road

Kent Life is located next to the M20, five minutes from the centre of Maidstone. It is one hour from London and 30 minutes from the Channel Tunnel and ports. M20 Coast east-bound: Exit at Junction 6. Take the 3rd exit at the first roundabout & 3rd exit on the second roundabout towards Aylesford. Kent Life is on the left past The Village Hotel.

M20 London west-bound: Get into the Maidstone/Chatham filter lane and exit at Junction 6. Then take the 4th exit off the large roundabout towards Aylesford. Kent Life is on the left past The Village Hotel.

#### By Boat

The Kentish Lady sails from the centre of Maidstone, just five minutes' walk from Maidstone West, 10 minutes from Maidstone East and a few minutes from the Fremlin Walk Shopping Centre and drop off 200m walk from Kent Life.

### ARRIVING AT KENT LIFE

Upon arrival, please escort the children out of the coach park quickly and safely. A member of staff will be available to guide you through the admissions process and escort you on to the site. Maps and itineraries (where applicable) for your visit will be provided. You will be invoiced for the actual number of children and adults present on the day, after your visit. An invoice may be passed to the lead teacher on the day, or sent to the school.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Risk assessments are available to download from [www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk). Teachers are invited to book a free familiarisation visit beforehand. Please contact our Education Officer to book.
- First Aid boxes are dotted around the site and fully trained First Aiders are available. All First Aid incidents must be reported to a member of staff.
- You will find lots of hand washing facilities around the site. Please ensure that pupils clean their hands thoroughly between activities and always before eating.
- Fire meeting points are located outside the Fruit Garden and the Orchard.



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## YOUR VISIT

A room will be reserved for lunch and bag storage. Kent Life is open to the public so do not leave any valuables in the room. Children remain the responsibility of the lead teacher at all times and must remain in small supervised groups. Please observe the height restrictions in the indoor and outdoor play areas.

## FACILITIES

- Toilets with disabled access can be found across the site.
- Due to the nature of our historic houses, not all buildings are wheelchair accessible. Please advise the Education Officer of any wheelchair users in your group, so provision can be made for a wheelchair-accessible lunchroom and workshop rooms (if applicable).
- Wheelchairs are available to hire, please telephone 01622 763936 to book.
- Refreshments can be obtained in our Tearooms and in the Playbarn.
- The Kent Life Shop sells a wide range of souvenirs. Alternatively, goody bags can be ordered prior to your trip by calling 01622 763936.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

We hope that you enjoy your visit to Kent Life. Visit the website [www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk) for further information on our Educational days out, or alternatively, contact our Education Officers: [cgeddes@kentlife.org.uk](mailto:cgeddes@kentlife.org.uk) or 01622 763936.