

TEACHERS' INFORMATION PACK

The Hepworth Wakefield welcomes schools, colleges and universities to the gallery to learn in a creative and inspiring environment surrounded by world-class art.

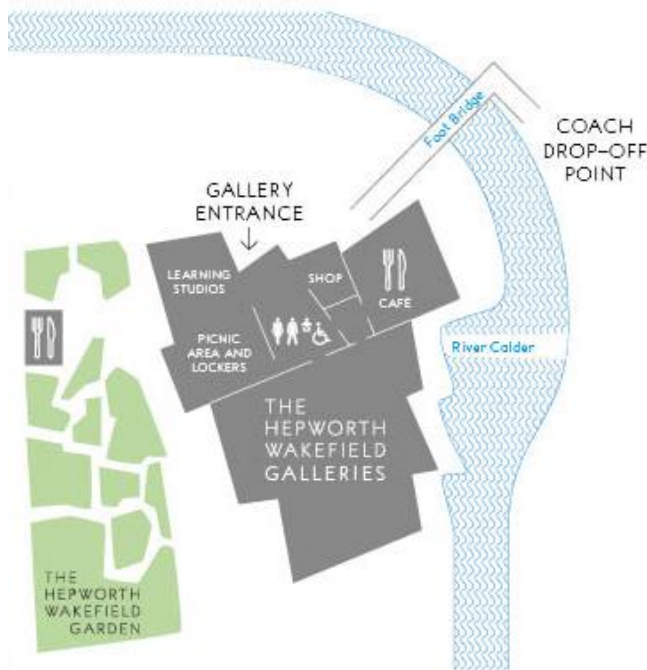
You can bring your group to the gallery through teacher-led visits or artist-led workshops. Teacher-led visits should be booked two weeks in advance and artist-led workshops six weeks in advance by completing our [online enquiry form](#).

We offer FREE entry to gallery for all students visiting as part of a pre-booked learning visit, and accompanying staff receive complimentary tickets.

Pre-visits: For staff who would like to do a pre-visit before your trip, we offer complimentary tickets to the gallery. Please contact learning@hepworthwakefield.org to arrange.

Getting here

The Hepworth Wakefield is just outside the centre of Wakefield and a 10-minute walk from Wakefield Kirkgate Train Station. Our carpark postcode is WF1 5QJ.



Coach drop-off: There is a coach drop-off point opposite THW Car Park on Thornes Lane ([WF1 5QJ](#)). Access to the gallery is then a short walk across the pedestrian footbridge.

2 coaches can use the drop-off point at a time. Please share details of the coach drop-off point with your coach company.

Coach parking: Minibuses and coaches are not able to park in the drop-off point. Free coach parking can be found on Tadman Street ([WF1 5RG](#)).

Minibus parking: The nearest car park which accommodates minibuses is Wakefield Waterfront Car Park ([WF1 5JT](#)), a 5-minute walk from the gallery.

On Arrival

The gallery opens at 10am. Once inside, please sign in at the Welcome Desk. If you have a morning artist-led workshop your artist will meet you by the desk.

Maximum group size: We can accommodate 60 students per group. For groups of over 60, we ask you to divide into smaller groups and stagger your entry by 15 minutes. Groups can explore our garden and outdoor sculptures while waiting to enter.

Ratios: Please ensure that your group has the following ratio of adults to children

1:4 for EYFS years
1:10 for KS1 + KS2
1:15 for KS3 + KS4
1:20 for KS5+

Group supervision: Students that are KS4 and below must be supervised by school staff at all times throughout the gallery and in our garden.

Group locker: When you sign in at the Welcome Desk, you will receive a group locker for the duration of your visit. Please return the locker key at the end of your visit.

We also have individual lockers available for older students. Tokens are available from the Welcome Desk.

If you have booked teacher-led resources (*see more info below*) these will be stored inside your group locker.

Toilets: In our Picnic Area we have 3 unisex toilets, a disabled toilet and a Changing Places toilet. More toilets are available in the entrance, past the Welcome Desk on your right.

Picnic Area: Our Picnic Area can accommodate up to 33 students at a time. Pre-booking is essential. If you have booked our Picnic Area please ensure you use it during your allotted time slot as other schools may also be using it that day.

This is a communal space and other groups may access their group lockers or the learning studios while you are having lunch.

Learning Studios: These are to the right of the entrance. If you have booked an artist-led workshop this is where some of your workshop will take place.

Exploring the galleries

The learning studios, picnic area, toilets, café and shop are on the ground floor. The gallery spaces are all on the first floor which can be accessed by stairs or lift.

We have 10 gallery spaces with changing exhibition displays. You can find out what will be on show during your visit on [our What's On webpage](#).

In the galleries: We recommend that you divide into small groups when exploring the galleries, with a staff member per group.

Groups are welcome to:

- Explore, draw, look and discuss the artwork
- Sit on the floor to spend time looking and drawing
- Ask our Visitor Experience Team questions

Please respect other visitors and ensure your group does not:

- Touch the artworks or plinths (the boxes artwork sometimes sit on)
- Run or shout in the galleries
- Step or lean over barriers
- Eat or drink in the galleries

Materials in the gallery: We encourage you to explore and draw in the galleries using pencils, paper and sketchbooks (A3 or smaller). To protect the artworks, we do not allow wet materials and sharp tools such as pens, paints, oil pastels and scissors.

Photography: Photography, without flash, is allowed in all of the exhibitions. Photography is not permitted of children and vulnerable adults who are not in your group.

Teacher-led resources

We have teacher-led resources available to hire to support your visit and help explore the galleries and garden with your group.

Exploring Art Kits, suitable for KS1 – KS4: Borrow our Exploring Art Kits and help students look at artworks, discuss ideas and draw creatively in the galleries. Kits include A5 clipboards, drawing materials, looking tools, handling objects and activity prompt cards for teachers to use. **£10 for the day.**

Garden Sketchbooks, suitable for KS1 & KS2: Using our Garden Sketchbooks, pupils can make discoveries about what they can see, hear and smell in The Hepworth Wakefield Garden, including minibeasts, plants and the shapes and patterns they can find when they look closely! **50p per sketchbook.**

Sensory SEND Resource, suitable for SEND groups: Borrow our Sensory Resource to support SEND students during a visit to the gallery. The resource offers playful tools and tactile activities to create inclusive, multi-sensory experiences in the galleries and support individual needs. **FREE**

Exhibition Resources for students, suitable for KS3+: Download our Exhibition Resources for students to use as they explore artists, artworks and key themes within our exhibitions. **FREE**

Reg the Sensory Snake, suitable for EYFS: Reg, our sensory snake, is a 7-metre-long snake that can be used to guide your group on a journey through the galleries. Made from lots of different textures Reg support's children to explore their sense of touch with shapes and objects in his tummy to feel. **FREE.**

Artist-led workshops

We offer an exciting range of artist-led workshops that will take students on a creative journey, gathering inspiration from artworks in the galleries and developing these ideas through creative work in our learning studios.

Our workshops are skills-based, exploring different materials and processes including printmaking, clay, sketchbooks, drawing, sculpture, mixed media and felt making. Find out [more about our artist-led workshops](#).

Our workshops last for 1hr 50 mins and can accommodate up to 33 students at a time. Workshop times are either 10.10am-12pm or 1pm-2.50pm.

We ask that teachers and staff supervise their students and support their engagement throughout the workshops.

Gallery focus for artist-led workshops: Our artist-led workshops focus on Barbara Hepworth's work in Gallery 4 and 5. The only exception is the Sketchbook Adventures workshop which also explore our temporary exhibitions.

If you have more than one class visiting as part of your trip, we recommend that you explore the other galleries during your teacher-led visit so you don't clash with the workshop.

The Hepworth Wakefield Garden

Our garden is a great space to continue your groups' learning by exploring the sculptures, plants and trees outside.

Please help us to look after our garden by only going on the grass and paths. Please don't touch or pick the flowers or plants. Plants that may look dead are part of the garden design.

Useful information

Risk Assessment: Reviewed annually and available to download.

Visual Story: Photographs and descriptions of the approach and journey through the gallery.

Access: We welcome everyone to the gallery and strive to make everything we do as inclusive as possible. [More information about access at the gallery](#).

To discuss any access requirements for your group please contact the Learning Team on 01924 247398 or email learning@hepworthwakefield.org.

Gallery Guidelines: We ask that all groups sign our [Group Visit Guidelines](#) when they sign in at our Welcome Desk.

Book your visit

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Contact Us

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