My visit to the Mary Rose Museum
We want you to have a great time at the Mary Rose Museum! This guide tells you what to expect when you visit.
My Name is…………………………………………

I will be visiting the Mary Rose Museum on ____________________________

I will be setting off at

[Clock Image]
I am travelling to the museum by…

Car □
Bus □
Train □
Walking □
Coach □
Minibus □
Ferry □
This is the main entrance to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.
Welcome! This is where visitors have their bags checked to keep everyone safe. I or my adult may have my bag searched. I may have to queue if it is busy.
This is a map of Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

The Visitor Centre is circled in **Blue**. The Mary Rose Museum is circled in **Red**.
I will walk to the museum. It is a five minute walk.

On the way to the museum, we will see other ships, like HMS Warrior.
This is the outside of the Mary Rose Museum
There are toilets to the right of the museum entrance.

There are also toilets on the top floor of the museum.
This is the museum reception where visitors are welcomed. There is also a shop and a café here. It may be busy and noisy.
This is the 1545 experience.

It tells the story of what happened to the Mary Rose when she sank. I will stand behind the curtain with my class or family. It is going to be dark and loud but I can ask to leave at any time.
Here is the ‘sinking experience’ which makes it feel as if I am on the Mary Rose when she sank! If I don’t like it, I can go straight into the museum by pressing the door button.
These are Team Members at the museum.

Some wear uniforms and name badges and some wear Tudor costume.

I can ask them if I have a question or need help.
This is the Mary Rose shipwreck. She was a warship.

She was owned by King Henry VIII 500 years ago.
The lights on the ship will change. I will see pictures of men working on the ship.
Inside the museum it is dark because light damages the objects. It is also to make you feel like you’re on the ship. There may be lots of people in the museum.
I will need to go up and down using the lifts or the stairs. The lifts have glass windows, and the lights will go out for a short time.
I can sit on a bench or I can borrow a folding seat. If I need to leave the museum, I can ask a team member for help.
I will see lots real things that have come from the shipwreck.

- Cannons
- Carpenter’s tools
- A dog skeleton
- A human skeleton
- A big oven
- A crow’s nest
I can find out more about the objects.

I can use these screens to see people using the objects.  

I can read the information.

I can use these screens to find out more about the ship.
I will hear…

- Other people talking and laughing
- Sound effects of a ship moving and the sea
- Sound effects of people shouting, cannons firing, a dog barking, a whistle and a bell ringing
- Sounds or music from the games and video screens
- Air conditioning sounds
- In an emergency, the fire alarm
I can touch some objects…

There are tables with real and replica objects. A Team Member will show them to me.

I can try on some Tudor clothes if I want to.
On the top floor, I will see the ship from a balcony. This time there is no window between you and the ship!

To get to the balcony, I have to go through airlocks. These help to control the temperature and keep the ship safe. If I don’t want to go through the airlock, I can ask a Team Member for help.
I will smell different things

On the top floor, I will be in the same room as the ship.

This room might smell strange because the ship was treated with chemicals to preserve it.
There is a glass floor I can walk on if I want to.

It is totally safe.
I will leave the upper deck by walking through another airlock.

I will then be seeing a film about when the Mary Rose was found.

After that I will be given 4D glasses to go into the cinema.
In the 4D cinema I will watch a film and feel like I am diving and exploring.

I will see bubbles and smell old wood and sea air.

It is safe and fun but I don’t have to do it.

If I don’t like it in the cinema I can leave anytime.
If I have some pocket money, I can buy something in the shop.
I am not allowed to eat or drink inside the museum.

I can eat outside the museum or in the café.

We hope you have a great time!
Additional information for Parents and Carers

Please check our website for more information.

You will find links to learning websites and information regarding our relaxed opening mornings.