Your visit to Turner Contemporary

On arrival:
Entry to Turner Contemporary is free. Please use the main entrance where you will be welcomed by a member of staff. There are steps up to the main entrance – please advise your group to take care. Should you require it, there is also a ramp. Group leaders will need to sign the group in at the front desk before entering the galleries. If you have booked a tour or workshop, your Navigator will meet you at reception at the specified time.

We have trolleys available for you to leave bags and coats – please request one on the day if you would like to make use of one – subject to availability. Alternatively, small groups may use our public lockers.

How to find us:
Turner Contemporary
Rendezvous
Margate
Kent CT9 1HG

Getting here:
Our landmark gallery is a ten minute walk along the seafront from Margate train station and close to all main bus routes in the town. The gallery is just a short walk from Margate town centre and the Old Town.

By car, minibus or coach: If you are travelling by coach, groups can be dropped off at the gallery, but please note that there is no coach parking onsite. There is on-street parking near the gallery, as well as pay and display car parks close by:

- Trinity Square CT9 1HR
- Dreamland (best for minibuses and coaches) CT9 1XG
- College Square (Morrison’s multi storey) CT9 1QA

There are seven disabled parking spaces on the piazza in front of the gallery for blue badge holders. Please note that we are unable to reserve these spaces. For alternative spaces, a parking map of Margate can be found here. The seafront piazza is for pedestrians and cyclists only and must be kept clear at all times for the RNLI lifeboat in case of emergencies.

By Train: The London St Pancras and Stratford International high speed train reaches Margate in just 90 minutes and runs at least every hour. There are also mainline trains from London Victoria, Cannon Street, Charing Cross and London Bridge, which take a little longer.

By Bus: There are direct buses to Margate from all surrounding towns in East Kent. Please visit Kent County Council’s Public Transport website to find your most direct bus route. There you can also download a map of Kent and all available bus routes in the county.

Access:
The gallery is fully accessible for visitors, with a ramp to the main entrance and café, as well as an internal lift to all upper floor galleries. Please see our accessibility page for more information, and contact the learning team if you have any questions or requests.
Lunch spaces:
Please note that we are unable to provide lunch rooms for school groups unless they have booked a Creative Session in the Clore Learning Studio.

Managing your group:
Supervising adults are responsible for the welfare and behavior of your group.

- Your group must be supervised at all times, including during booked sessions, at a ratio of at least one adult to every ten children.
- We accept a maximum of 60 students at a time. Please split your classes into smaller groups of 15-30 when navigating the gallery.
- Please do not touch the art works in the exhibition.
- We would really like you to draw in the galleries, but please only use pencils and dry materials. If there are a lot of people around an art work, please wait until they have moved on so that you can get the best view.
- Please do not bring food or drink into the galleries.

Pre-visit and risk assessments:
Pre-visits are strongly encouraged and welcomed, and if you have any questions or concerns, get in contact with the learning team at learn@turnercontemporary.org or 01843 233 000 prior to your visit. Please also refer to our full building risk assessment.

At Turner Contemporary we endeavour to ensure that our building, grounds and exhibits are safe at all times, but as with all such areas there are some risks present and a small number of injuries are recorded each year.

In the main the reported injuries have arisen from the below areas and by highlighting them we ask that you consider them within any assessment process which you undertake and that particular care is taken in supervising children in these areas.

The hazards identified include:

- Slips, trips and falls within the galleries and on the external stairs leading up to the main entrance. (Please be aware that to avoid such incidents children should not be running in the space and should be supervised at all times).
- Fingers becoming trapped in doors, in particular toilet doors.

At Turner Contemporary we have an exemplary safety record and provide you with this information so that you are able to incorporate it into your planning so as to ensure that this record is maintained. We hope that this information is of sufficient detail in order for you to make a suitable assessment for your visit, which will in turn help us to further reduce reported incidents.

Contact Us
If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the learning department: learn@turnercontemporary.org, or 01843 233 000. Click here to sign up to the learning mailing list and to receive monthly updates about the learning program.

By signing up to Turner Contemporary’s learning mailing list you will get information about the gallery’s upcoming exhibition, its learning programme and community activities. You can unsubscribe at any time. Full details of our terms and conditions and our privacy policy are available at www.turnercontemporary.org