



The Tenement House

Teacher's information



The Tenement House offers a fascinating insight into the life of an ordinary Glasgow citizen at the beginning of the twentieth century, when most people in Glasgow, from the wealthy to the very poor, lived in tenements.

The Tenement House was built in 1892 to suit the middle classes who could afford to rent larger flats with improved facilities, such as a bathroom with hot running water. It was the home of Miss Agnes Toward, a shorthand typist, from 1911 until 1965.

During her years of tenancy she changed little of the interior, which remains Victorian in character. It retains most of its original furnishings and fittings, including the kitchen range and recess beds.

The school programme provides an opportunity for pupils to experience first-hand the tenement way of life. On first entering the House, they will hear the hiss of the gas lights and the gentle tick of the grandfather clock. As they tour the kitchen, parlour, bedroom and bathroom, they will view the original contents and learn about Miss Toward's life.

In the education room, they will try out activities and handle a range of old fashioned objects from washboard to stone pig. There is the opportunity to visit the exhibition rooms and small shop if desired.

The school programme engages with the Curriculum for Excellence and offers opportunities for cross-curricular work.

- Teacher's Notes for First or Second Level (with more detailed information and curriculum links) will be sent to you when a booking is made.
- Secondary schools are also welcome (please phone The Tenement House to discuss your requirements).
- There are resources for sale at The Tenement House. Please phone to check.
- For more information for teachers, visit the NTS Learn website: www.ntslearning.org.uk

Planning your class visit:

- To book: please contact The Tenement House for a booking form
- Book well in advance to avoid disappointment
- Maximum class size: 33 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 pupils
- Please inform staff, when booking, if you wish to visit the exhibition and small shop
- Access: we regret that there is no access for wheelchair users to this historic building. Contact The Tenement House for more information on access. There is also information on The Tenement House webpage on the NTS website: www.nts.org.uk
- Toilets: there is one toilet available
- Refreshments: there are none available at this site

For more information, visit www.ntslearning.org.uk

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Planning your class visit (continued):

- The Tenement House is open for educational visits in the morning. School programmes begin at 10am and last for 1 – 1.5 hours, depending on class size.
- The site has been risk assessed. Teachers are expected to prepare their own RA for the visit.

Charges

- There is no charge for schools with NTS educational membership
- Non-members are welcome but there is a charge of £2 per pupil – accompanying adults are admitted free
- Membership: to apply for membership, go the NTS Learn website: www.nts.org.uk – or contact The Tenement House.
- Class teachers are encouraged to make a free preparatory visit to the site

During your class visit

- NTS staff will lead the school programme.
- For the programme, your class will be split in two: one half will visit the education room and the other, the House. The pupils then swap over.
- Teachers are responsible for their pupils, and for their behaviour.
- Pupils do not need to bring any materials for the school programme.
- They may take photos in the education room and outside (but not within the historic House).
- Coats and bags can be left next to the education room (on site).
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum when entering the close as the building still contains private residences
- On arrival: please press the 'Tenement House' buzzer at the front door

Getting to The Tenement House

- The Tenement House is at the west end of Buccleuch Street (the M8 end). WARNING: there is a steep hill.
- Walking: It is about a 10-minute walk from Sauchiehall Street.
- By coach: You may drive to The Tenement House – there is a one-way system. Coaches cannot park outside the building but pupils may be dropped off. Please phone for further instructions. (OS map reference NS581662)

For more information and to book contact

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