

# SCHOOLS AT THE POOLS



## Teachers pack

### About Cleveland Pools

Cleveland Pools is Britain's oldest lido. Built in 1815, the site first opened as a river fed pool, and subsequently enjoyed a colourful history through the Victorian era to its heyday in the 1970s.

Sadly it was closed for swimming in 1984 and over the following years fell into disrepair. In 2021, after a 20 year community campaign to save the site, its restoration began and it is now open for the public to visit once again!



### The History programme

The KS2 history programme brings the pools into focus as a site of national significance. Students will work in small groups and use a variety of resources, including historical evidence, to complete a carousel of 3 activities. The group will look in detail at the changes to the site over time; the importance and impact of an active local community; and the history of swimming at the pools. The session supports the KS2 history curriculum as part of a local history study and provides opportunities for teamwork and problem solving.

If there is additional content you would like us to include please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. If your group would like to swim in addition to your session these activities must be organised via Fusion, the operator of the Pools, and will be charged separately.

### Example session

10.00	Welcome to the pools
10.15	Introduction to the Pools
10.30	Activity 1
10.45	Activity 2
11.00	Activity 3
11.15	Plenary
11.30	Group leaves

### Group sizes

We can accommodate up to 35 pupils at any one time. The group will be divided into 3 smaller groups and so we ask for at least 3 adults to attend the session to support us with delivery. Cleveland Pools Volunteers will also be on hand to help.



### Dates/times

School sessions are available between February half term to the end of November on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9.30am. Sessions last 90 minutes. If you require an alternative date or time please contact us.

### Costs

A standard 90 minute history session is available to schools in B&NES at no charge. Sessions for schools outside of the area will be charged £50 per session.

### Additional requirements

If there are children in your group with any additional needs please let us know so we can adjust our session to best support them. Sensory bags that include ear defenders and fidget toys can be borrowed for the duration of the session if required. A sensory map of the site that identifies areas that might be overstimulating is also available to download from our website.

If you have not previously visited the Pools we recommend organising a pre-visit with us. You can view our access video and visual story to familiarise yourself with the site on our website's "Planning your Visit page": [www.clevelandpools.org.uk/planning-your-visit](http://www.clevelandpools.org.uk/planning-your-visit)



## Feedback

After your visit we will ask you to give us some feedback via a form. We really appreciate you completing this as it helps us to continue to reflect your needs and maintain the quality of our schools' programme.

## Contact Us

If you would like to discuss a visit to Cleveland Pools please contact: [learning@clevelandpools.org.uk](mailto:learning@clevelandpools.org.uk)

Alternatively you can complete the "School visit booking form" and we will contact you to confirm.

We'd like to thank **King Edward's School, Bath** for supporting Schools at the Pools. With their help we are able to offer better access to learning for more children across B&NES.



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## FAQs

### What should we bring?

You do not need to bring anything specific for the session but we recommend you wear suitable clothing for the weather and a bottle of water/snacks/lunch.

### Will the session take place indoors or outdoors?

Cleveland Pools is an outdoor site and there is limited shelter or indoor space. All activities will be taking place outside and we encourage you to be prepared for the seasonal weather i.e. coats, hats, suncream

### Is there anywhere to eat lunch?

Groups are welcome to remain on site following the session to eat packed lunches. There is no dedicated lunch room but the outdoor space can be used. Please be aware there is currently limited shelter.

### Can we swim after our session?

This programme does not include swimming at the Pools but this can be organised in addition to your visit upon request. If you would like to discuss opportunities for swimming please email [clevelandpools@fusion-lifestyle.com](mailto:clevelandpools@fusion-lifestyle.com) or call **01225 592739**

### How do we get there?

There is no parking at the Pools and we encourage schools, where possible, to use public transport or walk. We are approximately 15 minutes walk from Bath Spa train station and a number of buses (734, 11 Bathcity; 94; D1 Discover; X84) stop nearby, more details can be found on our website.

Walking tours from the centre of Bath are available to download from our website: [www.clevelandpools.org.uk/activities](http://www.clevelandpools.org.uk/activities)

If there is no alternative to hiring a coach please contact us for advice on drop off and collection.

### Do you offer other sessions for schools?

We are currently developing the 'Curious Club' our KS2/KS3 STEM learning programme. If you would like to find out more please just ask.



"I really liked trying on the costumes. Did people really wear that?!"



"I want to spend all day there, it was amazing."



"Did they really use water from the river? Yuck!"

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