

WW2 At Home & Billeting (KS2) (5 Acts)

Notes for Teachers

Before your visit we would be grateful if you could **divide the class into 5** roughly equal groups, each with an adult or teacher in charge. Please **number the groups 1 to 5**. Each adult will need a copy of the enclosed map/adult helper information sheet.

On arrival the children will be met and shown where to put their coats. They then need to **go to the activity which corresponds to their group number** (Group 1 goes to Activity 1 etc.)

At least one of the activities will be supervised by museum personnel or helpers; for all the others **easy instructions will be available** at the relevant location. The group needs to remain at its activity for about **20 minutes**; museum personnel will let you know when it's time to move on and which activity to go to next.

Activity 1: Billeting Evacuees

The children will find out what happened when evacuees reached their destination and were selected by the towns people.

Activity 2: Gas Attacks

Meet someone who lived through the war and ask them what it was like. See real gas masks and try on a replica one.

Activity 3: Rationing

Find out about clothes rationing in the setting of our 1940s clothes shop. How many coupons do they need for their clothes parcels?

Activity 4: Wartime People

The children will have a range of clothes and objects to handle to find out more about the people who owned them and life on the home front.

Activity 5: Talk to a Volunteer

An opportunity to ask our volunteer questions and find out what life was like for someone who lived through the war.

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Notes for Helpers

You will be in charge of a small group of children and will be escorting them around the museum. **Along with this sheet you will need a copy of the map** with numbers on (showing where each activity will take place).

Every 20 minutes the group will move to a different part of the museum to start a new activity. **There are 5 activities**, as detailed below. Museum staff will let you know when it is time to move on and which activity to go to next. **Look for the arrows** to help you find your way to the next activity.

If you are with Group 1 you will start at Activity 1, Group 2, Activity 2 and so on. When it is time to move on, move your group to the next activity with the next number (after Activity 5 you will move to Activity 1).

There will be a box or a coloured wallet at each activity location. **Please read the instructions** and help the children to complete the task

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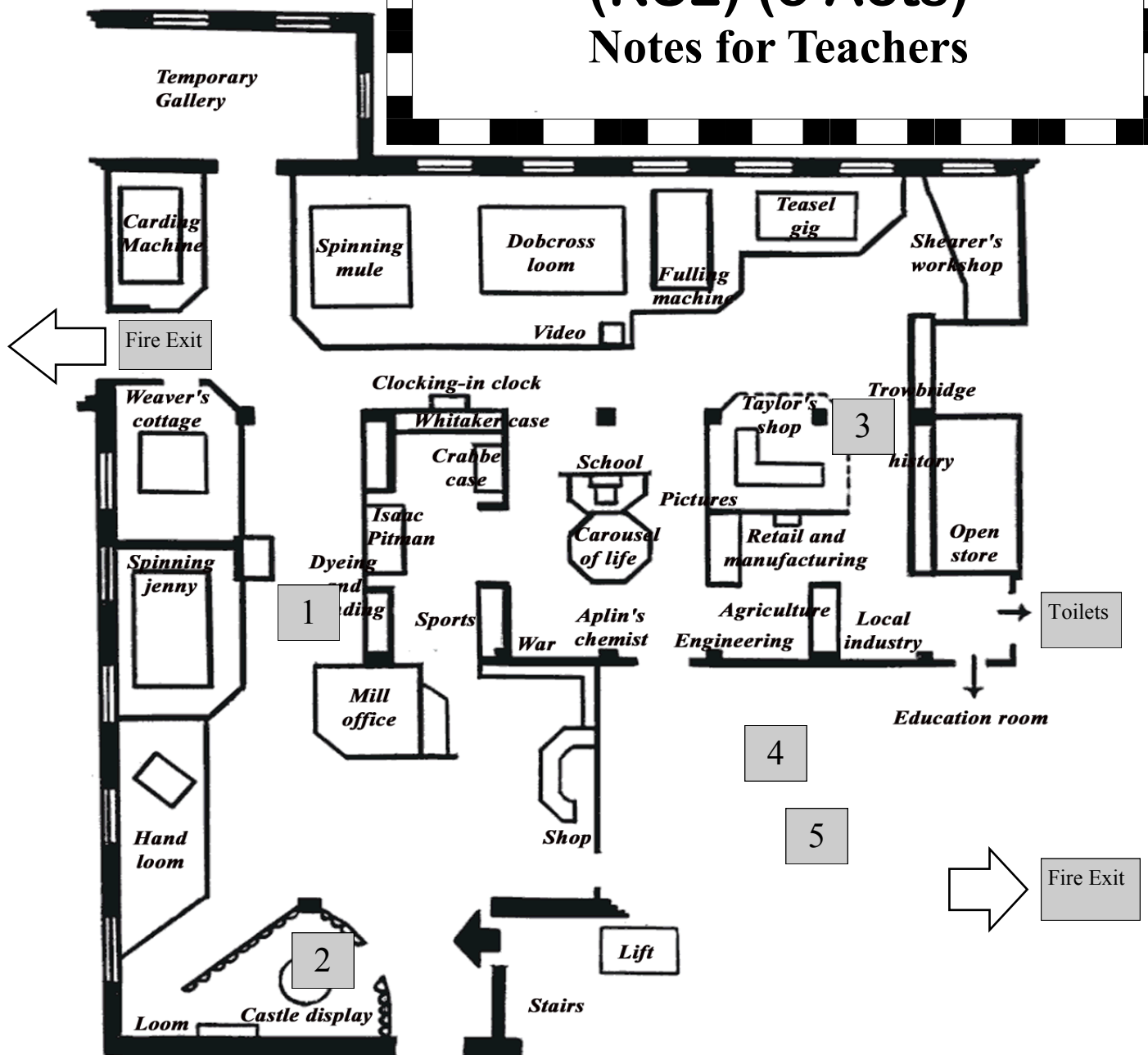
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In the event of a fire, please direct your group to the nearest fire exit.
The stairs down to the shopping centre is not a fire exit and the lift should not be used.
Museum staff will be on hand to direct you.