

**BRIDGWATER TOWN COUNCIL-MUSEUM SUB COMMITTEE**  
**MUSEUM and LEARNING**

**Bridgwater Town Council**

Welcomes all initiatives to enhance learning experiences in the Museum for every visitor.

**The Town Council**

Recognises that significant progress has been made in all areas relating to learning experiences in the Museum to achieve the best standards worthy of the Museum's agreed purposes.

Appoints a learning coordinator (a volunteer position) and a team of volunteers to work with and support the coordinator.

Approves a report on Learning at the Museum presented by the coordinator at Bridgwater Town Council Museum meetings and the AGM of The Friends of Blake Museum.

Accepts that young visitors are a vulnerable group and special provision must be made to safeguard them.

Therefore agreed not to permit children under 16 unaccompanied by an adult to enter the Museum. School Groups are accompanied by school staff in accordance with County guidelines. Children attending holiday activities are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers assisting these groups will be DBS cleared in accordance with the current legislation for Safeguarding Children .

**Formal Arrangements**

Group leaders from schools or other organisations are invited to visit the museum for a planning session prior to the visit. Working together the coordinator and group leader can address the learning needs of the group and the buildings accessibility in terms of those with special physical needs.

The learning team will liaise with local schools and colleges to raise awareness of the learning opportunities available in the Museum, including facilities for personal studies, also available to members of the public.

Organised groups normally do not exceed 30 young people at any one time.

An outreach service is not provided to educational establishments.

Restrictions in force at any one time must be read to the visiting party at the commencement of the visit. Fire evacuation procedures as given in the C.o.P. must also be read out at the commencement of the visit.

Alan Hurford  
Town Clerk

Date: 16 March 2015  
(as approved under Memorandum of Understanding)