



# Truro Cathedral

sacred space, common ground

Information for Visiting Schools from  
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# Essential information for your visit

## Contact Details

For queries and discuss your visit, please contact Canon Elly Sheard at the Cathedral office on **01872 276782** or by email [ellysheard@trurocathedral.org](mailto:ellysheard@trurocathedral.org) or [schools@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:schools@trurocathedral.org.uk).

## Learning Experience Times

Tours may be booked between **10am and 2pm** subject to other Cathedral bookings. Currently we are not able to offer guided workshops and all school tours are guided by school staff.

Example leaning materials can be downloaded from the cathedral website. **All school visits to the Truro Cathedral MUST be pre-booked in order to avoid clashing with other Cathedral activities.** It can be useful for Teachers to make a pre-visit to the Cathedral when organising a trip.

## Cost

Self-guided school visits are free of charge.

## Adult Supervision

Please note that schools or other visit organisers remain responsible for the supervision and behaviour of the children and young people throughout your visit. Please provide supervision in a ratio of at least **1 adult to every 8 children**. Adults accompanying SEND children are in addition to this ratio.

## Disabled Access

The Cathedral is accessible to wheelchair users via the ramp at the North-West corner of the building. However, please note that due to the nature of the building, there are some areas which are less easily accessible (eg St Mary's Aisle). **Please enquire in advance if any of your party require special access and we will do what we can to help.**

## Designated 'Quiet' Times

The Cathedral is an active place of worship. At some point on your visit, you may be in the main body of the Cathedral during a short hourly prayer or Christian Meditation (every Thursday, 12:10 -1pm). We appreciate your cooperation in observing these as times for stillness and quiet.

## **Parking**

Spaces for mini buses in our staff car park may be made available by prior arrangement. Please contact the Cathedral Office in advance to discuss possibilities. You will need to supply us with the registration number of any vehicle you bring into the Cathedral carpark in order to avoid a fine. Alternatively, there is a pay and display coach and mini bus park a short walk away on Fairmantle Street, TR1 2LW.

## **Toilets**

Toilets are available in the Cathedral near the South-East, Chapter House Entrance. Please be aware that these are public facilities and children must be accompanied there by a responsible adult at all times.

# Site Map



## **A Brief History of Truro Cathedral**

**1259**- First recorded date of St Mary's Church in Truro

**1875** – Bishop Temple and a committee call for the restoration of the Bishopric of Cornwall (the creation of the diocese of Truro)

**1876** – The Diocese of Truro was created by Queen Victoria

**1877** – Edward White Benson was made first Bishop of Truro and St Mary's Parish Church became the first Truro Cathedral

**1880** – Prince Albert Edward laid the first stone (the foundation stone) of Truro Cathedral.

**1887** – The Quire, Baptistry and crossing were completed and the Cathedral was consecrated. Prince Albert Edward attended.

**1903** –The Nave was completed and dedicated

**1910** – The Western Towers were completed and dedicated

You can find more information about the Cathedral on our Facebook page (Truro Cathedral) and through our website: [www.trurocathedral.org.uk](http://www.trurocathedral.org.uk)

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# Safeguarding and Risk Assessment Guidance

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**School staff accompanying school visits remain responsible for the safety and well-being of pupils at all times during their visit to Truro Cathedral.**

The following list is for guidance only. A copy of the Cathedral's safeguarding policy can be found at <https://www.trurocathedral.org.uk/safeguarding>. It is recommended that Teachers make a site visit prior to a school trip.

Activity	Potential risks	Suggested Mitigation
Visiting the toilets	Shared with the public	All children to be accompanied by school staff
Walking around Cathedral	Getting Lost	Visitors must not attempt to gain access to roped off/gated areas unless accompanied by a guide. Arrange with children prior to visit to meet at welcome desk if they get lost.
	Asthma	Inhalers should be brought on the trip.
	Being approached by strangers	At all times, young people should be supervised by school staff. Remind them that the Cathedral is a public building.
	Tripping over vacuum cleaner leads, power drill leads, cleaning equipment, ropes	Teachers should be alert to possible trip hazards etc. If the risk is significant, the affected areas will usually be roped off. Visitors must not attempt to gain access to roped off/gated areas unless accompanied by a guide.
	Leaving building	Verbal warning from teacher
	Slipping, tripping, falling	Children should be told not to run, jump, slide or climb in the Cathedral.
Lighting a candle	Risk of burns	School staff are welcome to light candles at the pricket stands. Children should not light candles
Visiting toilets	Risk of encountering strangers in public toilets	<b>All children must be accompanied by school staff when visiting toilets.</b>



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## School Visit Feedback Form

Following your school visit to Truro Cathedral we would be most grateful for any feedback you can give us, as we are always looking to improve our offer for other schools or for the next time you visit!

School name .....

Date of visit .....

How many children .....

Ages / Key Stage .....

Overall, how do you feel the visit went?

Do you feel it was a good use of school time?

What part of the visit did the children enjoy most?

Was there any part of the visit which you felt the children did not enjoy? Why?

*Thank you very much for completing this form. Please return it to [ellysheard@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:ellysheard@trurocathedral.org.uk)*