



Schools Programme at Valentines Mansion



Academic Year 2009 to 2010

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Valentines offers an exciting education programme for school children, exploring the house and gardens, and including role play activities at Key Stage 1 and 2. Sessions are led by experienced education staff from Redbridge Museum.



Key Stage 1

Children will enjoy a hands-on and playful workshop in the recreated Victorian kitchen. Activities include dressing up, role play, story telling and object handling. The class then work in groups exploring the mansion and gardens, using a wide range of Let's Explore boxes.

Topics include:

House and Homes, Senses, Habitats, Maths at the Mansion, Pictures.

Key Stage 2

Children will take part in 'The Mansion Mystery' workshop, becoming history detectives by using objects and historical evidence to uncover who lived and worked at the Victorian mansion. The class then works in groups exploring the mansion and gardens, using our wide range of Let's Explore boxes.

Topics include:

Victorian Design, Portraits, The Garden, Trees, The Servants

Adult Helpers

The Let's Explore boxes are self-contained activities designed to be led by the Class Teacher, Teaching Assistant and 3 Adult Helpers. In order to facilitate these group activities we strongly recommend

that any adult helpers you bring are able to work with a small group, read the instructions and guide the group through their activities.

For session outlines see:

www.valentinesmansion.com

Bookings

Prior booking at least 6 weeks before your chosen date is essential

Dates: Sessions take place on Tuesday and Wednesday

Times: 10am – 12noon or 1pm – 3pm

Cost: £3 per pupil

To book: Call Redbridge Museum on **020 8708 2317**

Before calling, please ensure you have the following information on hand:

- Size of group including a minimum of 4 adult helpers
- Contact details
- Details of children with any special needs, e.g. disabilities, language or learning
- If you would like to buy goody bags
- Transportation requirements (charges apply)

Transport-

Transport for schools within Redbridge can be arranged at a special discounted price of £70. Please indicate when you book. Alternatively the mansion has excellent transport links, including limited car parking space (charges may apply from September 2009 - call **020 8708 8100** for details), and bus and tube links within a few minutes walk. Please see location map for full details.

Lunch Facilities

Lunch can be taken in the garden or in an outdoor sheltered area - if you require benches for this area, please indicate when booking.

Schools Outside Redbridge

We welcome schools from outside the London Borough of Redbridge. Transport cannot be arranged but Valentines Mansion has limited paid car parking spaces and bus and tube links within a few minutes walk.

Goody Bags

Items from our gift shop are available in pre-arranged goody bags. Please indicate when booking.

Cancellations and Amendments

For cancellations under 3 weeks notice, full payment will apply. For cancellations over 3 weeks notice, a charge of £40 will apply. To amend your booking (e.g change of dates), a £20 modification fee will apply.

Self-led Visits

Let's Explore boxes are also available for self-led school visits at a rate of £30 for a maximum of 2 hours. Self-led visits must also be pre-booked 6 weeks in advance.



Boxes for KS1 & KS2 include the following themes: Habitats, Senses, Maths in the Mansion, Houses and Homes and Pictures, The Garden, Trees, Victorian Design, Servants, Portraits.

Each box contains a range of activities designed for group work and to stimulate peer learning, for example jigsaw puzzles, costumes, props and sorting activities that link in with each topic. Please contact Redbridge Museum Education Team for more details on **020 8708 2317**.

Access

We welcome groups from special schools within or outside Redbridge. Valentines Mansion has level access throughout and a lift to all floors. Please call Valentines Mansion on **020 8708 8100** if you have any particular questions.



How to find us

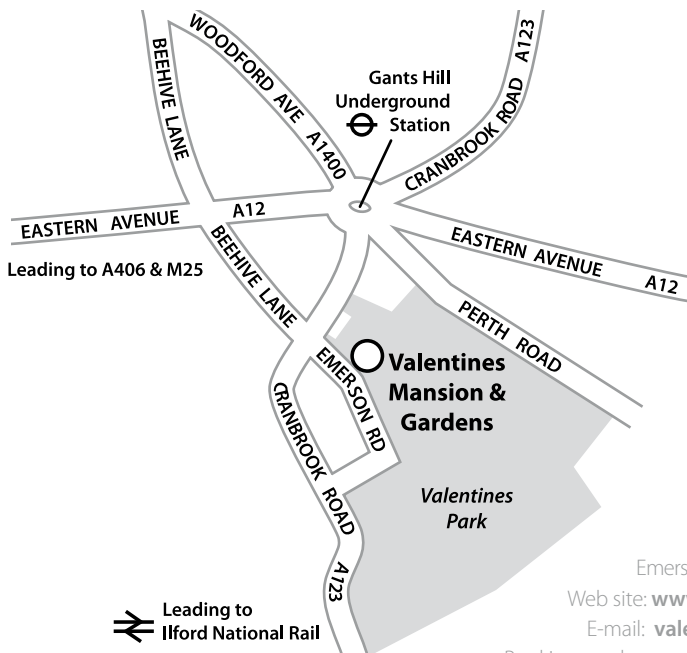
Tube: Gants Hill Underground Station (Central Line). 5 minutes walk.

Rail: Ilford National Rail, direct line from Liverpool Street Station.

Bus: Take bus routes 396, 128, 179, 123, 296, 167 from Gants Hill Underground Station and 128, 296, 150, 396, 167 from Ilford National Rail to stop 'Valentines Mansion and Park'.

Cycle: Cycle to the mansion through Valentines Park. Cycle racks are provided at the mansion.

Road: Easily accessible from the A406 (junction for A12) and the M25 (junction 27 for M11, and follow on to the A406 East). Car parking is available at the mansion (charges may apply).



Valentines Mansion

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