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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. 'Let's Explore' boxes facilitate themed self-led visits in the house and gardens.



## Key Stage 1

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Children enjoy a hands-on and playful workshop in the Victorian kitchen. Activities include dressing up, role play, story telling and object handling. The class then works in self-led groups exploring the Mansion & Gardens, using the teacher's choice of Let's Explore boxes.

### Let's Explore Boxes:

Houses and Homes, Senses, Habitats, Maths in the Mansion, Pictures.

## Key Stage 2

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Children 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 self-led groups exploring the Mansion & Gardens, using the teacher's choice of Let's Explore boxes.

### Let's Explore Boxes:

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

### Adult Helpers

The Let's Explore boxes contain self-explanatory 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 are able to work with a small group, read instructions and guide the group through their activities.

For session outlines see:

[www.valentinesmansion.com](http://www.valentinesmansion.com)

or

[www.redbridge.gov.uk/museum](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/museum)

## Bookings

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**Dates:** Please contact us for session times

**Cost:** £100 per class effective 1 Jan 2014

**To book:** Call Redbridge Museum on **020 8708 2317** or email: [redbridge.museum@visionrcl.org.uk](mailto:redbridge.museum@visionrcl.org.uk)

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

- Preferred dates (at least 6 weeks notice)
- Size of group including a minimum of 4 adult helpers
- Contact details – name, telephone number and email
- Any special needs, e.g. access, language or learning
- If you would like to visit the shop or order 'Goody Bags'
- Transport requirements (charges apply)

## Transport

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We can arrange Redbridge Transport coach hire for Redbridge schools at a special reduced price. Alternatively the Mansion has excellent transport links, including limited car parking space (charges apply) - 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

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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

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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.

## Cancellations and Amendments

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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

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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.

## Access

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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.





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

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 with each topic. Please contact Redbride Museum for more details on **020 8708 2317**.

## Goody Bags

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Make your trip to Valentines Mansion one to remember!

Visit the gift shop at Valentines for some excellent educational items and souvenirs from one of the borough's oldest treasures. Visit the shop with the children and let them choose from the wide range of products – with spending money of just £2, they could leave with a lovely reminder of their trip to the Mansion.

Alternatively, opt for the pre-prepared bags priced at £3 and come packed with Valentines Mansion branded educational items in bright colours.





## 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 123, 128, 150, 167, 179, 296, 396 from Gants Hill Underground Station or 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).



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