

The Tenement House for schools

The Tenement House provides a fascinating insight into the life of an ordinary Glasgow citizen at the beginning of the twentieth century, when most people in Glasgow - from the wealthy to the very poor - lived in tenements. The Tenement House was built in 1892 to suit the middle classes who could afford to rent larger flats with improved facilities, such as a bathroom with hot running water. It was the home of Miss Agnes Toward, a shorthand typist, from 1911 until 1965. During her years of tenancy she changed little of the interior which remains Victorian in character. It retains most of its original furnishings and fittings, including kitchen range, recess beds and gas lighting.

● education programme

The Tenement House is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

a site visit offers

- a tour of the house
- an activity session giving pupils the opportunity to handle and use a variety of old-fashioned, everyday, household objects
- exhibition of artefacts of the period

classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook (available for sale on request)

● practical information

planning your visit

- curriculum: Social Subjects: People in the Past: Victorian/Edwardian life – in a tenement
- pre-booking well in advance is essential to avoid disappointment
- maximum class size: 33 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 pupils
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we encourage teachers to make a free preparatory visit (see booking form).

during your visit

- visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- access: we regret that The Tenement House is not accessible for wheelchair users
- on arrival: please press the 'Tenement House' buzzer at the front door to be admitted
- please keep noise levels to a minimum when entering the close as the building still contains private residences
- coats and bags can be left in hallway outside the education room
- children do not need to bring any materials although they may wish to take photographs (only in the education room and outside)
- refreshments: no facilities available
- toilet: one toilet is available at the property

● for more information contact

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