

Royal Highland Show 2019

Useful Information

We hope you will find the information below helpful in preparing for your visit to the Royal Highland Show. We would encourage you to read and share this with colleagues and helpers attending the show.

Risk Assessment: There is a downloadable risk assessment for school groups available on our website, under the Show section. <https://www.rhet.org.uk/what-we-do/royal-highland-show/>

Come prepared: The weather in June is wonderfully unpredictable. Please ensure your pupils dress appropriately for this outdoor event and are prepared for ALL weather. Please remind the children it is an agricultural show.

Tickets*: Please remember to bring your e-ticket with you on the day, these can also be scanned from smartphones to save on printing. Please allow plenty of time for entry into the showground, we will endeavour to admit each group as quickly as possible.

**Tickets are non-refundable and may not be sold or passed to a third party. Any change to ticket day will incur a £30 administration charge.*

TRAVEL & PARKING

It may prove very useful to please pass this bus & travel information to your coach company in advance

Traffic - Please allow extra time for delays. All roads approaching the showground will be extremely busy. Along with the general public, at the WEST GATE we expect over 100 school groups to arrive between 10-11am. For live traffic information visit trafficscotland.org.

If you are running late arriving, please notify us so we can release any booked sessions.
RHET mobile: **07502 264211**.

Arrival: The RHET Team will be waiting to greet you on arrival at the **WEST Gate**, with the exception of those coming by public transport and using any of the other gates.

School Groups Arriving By Car - Please ensure you use the **WEST Car Park**. If coming from the East, please head towards the Newbridge roundabout so you are entering from the West. Please note there is a charge of £10.00 per car on the day or £8.00 if bought in advance online. Cars will be parked in the public car park, unless displaying a blue local authority disabled parking pass – see page 2.

School Buses - Parking for the Day - Please ensure you use the **WEST Car Park**

Upon arrival, school buses will be directed to a dedicated coach park, adjacent to the West Gate. From here there is a fenced walkway towards the showground entrance. Stewards will be on hand to direct you. For safety, please ensure that your group stays together and head for the dedicated walkways.

School Buses - Drop Off

For those groups who are being 'dropped off' (i.e. those whose coaches are not staying at the show) please follow the signs to the **drop off point** just beside the coach park at the **West Gate**. Again, there is a fenced walkway towards the West Gate where stewards will be on hand.

School Buses - Drivers

Please inform your bus provider that drivers will be admitted to the Showground free of charge provided they present adequate ID.

Disabled Parking

Buses/Mini buses: Please follow instructions as per School Buses.

Cars: Cars displaying the blue local authority disabled parking pass will be directed to the disabled car park which is situated by the coach park in the WEST. There is a charge of £10.00 per car on the day or £8.00 if bought in advance online.

IN THE SHOWGROUND

Showground Map: Complimentary showground maps will be available on arrival at the **West Gate** for every pupil, as well as a show guide for each group.

Tours: If requested at the time of booking, tours will start from the WEST GATE, at the arrival time you provided on your booking form. Please note that, although requested, **tours are not guaranteed** - our tour stewards are RHET volunteers who give up their time to help at the Show and may have other duties to attend to and may also be held up with another school party. If you have been timetabled in to an activity shortly after arrival, it will not be possible to provide a tour.

Activities: Each group can request one bookable activity during the booking process. Please note places are limited, in high demand during peak periods and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will receive an email during the week commencing **10th June**, notifying you if you have been successful or not along with details of the allocated activity, time and location.

Please be punctual for your activity, if you are late your activity will not take place as activities run to very tight timescales.

The RHET Discovery Centre: This is situated on Avenue Q and is clearly shown on the map. Most of the bookable activities are in here, as well as a few drop-in sessions.

Please note that the Centre is open to the public from 9am to 5pm on all 4 days of the Show.

Other Things To See & Do: See the activities list on our website which includes places throughout the Showground that will be of interest to children. This often updates in the weeks running up to the Show.

Best avoided with groups of young children:

- The Lifestyle Area - expensive shopping area, no interest to children with pocket money to spend.
- The Craft Fair - very busy and specialised.
- Scotland's Larder Live (the food hall) - although large and full of stands selling their produce, it is always congested and is not a place for school groups.
- The Agricultural Area - hugely impressive machines, but the stands are there with a business focus, not an educational one.
- The Cattle Hall - very busy and limited space for large groups of children. It is often closed to the general public when cattle are being taken for judging. You can see the cattle judging in the cattle rings and also in the main ring, where you can sit in the grandstand in comfort. (Judging timetables are available on the Royal Highland Show website or in the Show Guide, which can be purchased on the day).
- The Horse Stalls - as the Cattle Hall above.

Social Media

For constant updates on travel, competitions, prize winners, what's on, please follow ['The Royal Highland Education Trust' on Facebook](#) or [@TheRHET on Twitter](#).