

Dunblane's Historic Leighton Library Information for Learning Group Leaders

We look forward to welcoming your group to Dunblane's
Historic Leighton Library



Health & Safety

It is the responsibility of learning group leaders to complete their own risk assessment prior to any visit with a group.

The hazard information provided does not replace a learning group leader's own risk assessment. We strongly recommend that you contact us to arrange a planning visit. Learning group leaders are responsible for their group members at all times.



Required supervision ratios: Staffing ratios

Group leaders are responsible for the behaviour and wellbeing of their group when on site. We require the following adult to child ratios:

Early Years - Nursery and P1/2 (or aged 7 and under) 1:6

Primary P3-7 and Secondary S1-S4 (or aged 8-15) 1:10

Senior Phase (or aged 16-18 but still in school) 1:15



Hazards

- Moving vehicles at drop off/ pick up points
- Moving vehicles near visitor access areas
- Uneven/slippy outside steps/stair to enter/exit Leighton Library
- Stair handrail with steep drop
- Narrow, slightly low access doorway
- Areas undergoing building works



We look forward to welcoming your group. It is essential if bringing a group that you contact us to arrange a group visit. It is recommended that you also get in touch to arrange a planning visit. Contact webadmin@leightonlibrary.org.uk



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Arrangements for group travel

Coaches can drop off/pick up near to the Leighton Library but not park. There is a free public car park to the rear of Dunblane Cathedral. There is a car park at Millrow (accessed by car from the foot of the High Street) just a short walk from the Leighton Library (on-street parking next to the car park using RingGo 23734). There is free parking on the southbound carriageway of the dual carriageway B8033. Note that much of northbound carriage requires payment to park (RingGo 23737 Perth Road). There is a very limited number of free time-limited on-street parking spaces near the Leighton Library.

Location

Dunblane's Leighton Library is right in front of Dunblane Cathedral in the centre of Dunblane, and across the road from Dunblane Museum and Andy Murray's Golden Postbox. In order to help keep numbers manageable within the confined space of the Leighton Library, it would be recommended to plan a visit to the Leighton Library in conjunction with a visit to Dunblane Public Library, Dunblane Museum or Dunblane Cathedral. Dunblane Public Library may be able to arrange a book display or talk to a group related to the theme you may have chosen for a visit to the Leighton Library. It is 150 metres, a 2-minute walk, to Dunblane Public Library from the Leighton Library. Dunblane Museum and Dunblane Cathedral are just a few steps from the Leighton Library.

Dunblane Public Library

Web: <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/libraries-and-archives/libraries/libraries-in-stirling/list-of-libraries/dunblane-library/>

Tel: 01786 823125 **Email:** dunblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk

Dunblane Museum

Web: <https://dunblanemuseum.org.uk/>

Tel: 01786 825691 **Email:** curator@dunblanemuseum.org.uk

Dunblane Cathedral

Web: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/dunblane-cathedral/>

Tel: 01786 823388 **Email:** finlay.lumsden@hes.scot

If you are using a **SatNav** the postcode for the Leighton Library is **FK15 0AQ**.

What3Words.com location identifier for the Leighton Library is

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Where to gather on arrival

There is a small gathering space at the foot of the outside stair leading to the Leighton Library, and there is also a small public garden space, with a single seating bench, right across the road within a low boundary wall.



Weather

The weather may affect the risks on the day. Please dress for the outdoors (including appropriate footwear).

Resources which can be provided

Our currently available resources include a Lego minifigure trail, and free-to-download education packs, available on the Leighton Library website (<https://www.leightonlibrary.org.uk/education>), and some interactive elements (currently limited to a large boardgame about the journey of the books from Sussex to Dunblane in the 17th century) in the Undercroft exhibition space. Please discuss and arrange the use of resources in advance by contacting the Leighton Library, so that we can have things ready for you. The Leighton Library Volunteer Guides may be able to tailor a visit to a theme of your choice, so please be in touch to discuss in plenty time. We also have videos on the Leighton Library YouTube channel



(<https://www.youtube.com/@LeightonLibraryDunblane>), many of which are linked via QR codes within the library placed beside specific books in the collection (these can have auto-generated captions enabled and choice of language selected for translations). Leighton Library Volunteer Guides can provide an overview of the Leighton Library and some information about Robert Leighton and the time in which he lived.



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Space to leave bags

We do not offer bag storage

Shop

Sales cabinets are located within the Leighton Library. Learning groups are welcome to purchase items with a responsible adult. We suggest that no more than 2 or 3 at one time make purchases, as the space is very limited, and that groups go at different times during their visit.



Toilets

There are NO toilets in the Leighton Library. The nearest public toilets are located at 2 Bridgend, FK15 9ES, which is a 4-minute walk from the Leighton Library (directions: straight down the High Street, turn right at the foot of the High Street to cross the bridge over the river, turn right into Bridgend, toilets are located second building on the left).

In order to help keep numbers manageable within the confined space of the Leighton Library, it would be recommended to plan a visit to the Leighton Library in conjunction with a visit to Dunblane Public Library, which does have toilets. A visit to the Leighton Library may also be combined with a visit to Dunblane Museum (which has a toilet) or Dunblane Cathedral (which does not have toilet facilities), both of which are just a few steps from the Leighton Library.

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i Good to know

To protect the historic collection of books in the Leighton Library, many of which are hundreds of years old, no food or drink may be consumed within the Leighton Library. It may be possible that Volunteer Guides might show some of the books to visitors but it is essential that if visitors are given the opportunity, under the guidance of the Volunteer Guides of Leighton Library, to touch any of the books, then hands must be clean and dry. The Leighton Library is not wheelchair accessible.

Visiting the site

The Leighton Library has two levels. The Leighton Library book collection is located on the upper level, and is accessed only via a single outside historic stone stair with a metal handrail on only one side of the steps. The steps are uneven and can be slippery in wet weather. The Undercroft is reached via low narrow doorway on the ground pavement level.



Spaces for lunch, learning or additional support

There are no indoor spaces available at the Leighton Library for lunch or additional support. The small public garden space opposite the Leighton Library may be suitable for a picnic. There is a public grassed area, called the Bleaching Green or Drying Green, a few minutes walk from the Leighton Library, next to the river (accessed by heading towards Dunblane Cathedral, turning left and following the path heading down towards the riverside).



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