

Group Bookings and School Parties



Please read before booking.

The 1853 Gallery is a private enterprise dedicated solely to the works of David Hockney and we receive no funding or grants from the local council, education authority or any other public source. There is no entrance charge and although we welcome school groups and other parties, we do not provide educational packs or written information about David Hockney or the history of Salts Mill. Hockney postcards and books are, however, available for purchase in the 1853 Gallery.

To enable your group to find the visit beneficial and enjoyable we ask that you observe the general rules set out below. These rules are the safety and comfort of your group and other members of the public visiting the Gallery at the time.

Groups must be booked in advance and on arrival should be reported to the 1853 Gallery on the ground floor.

Last groups are asked to split into smaller groups of a maximum of 10 who must be supervised at all times and to rotate between the Galleries.

Please use the stairs in an orderly manner and allow room for other visitors who will be using the stairs at the same time.

The ratio of staff to pupil will be dependent on age range but should be at least one adult to 10 pupils

Those supervising should stay within their groups at all times.

Pencil sketching is allowed in the Galleries only but please ensure that sketching does not interfere with other people who will be looking at the pictures.

Photography is allowed in the 1853 Gallery and the 2nd Floor Gallery but not the 3rd floor Galleries

As a teacher you will be accustomed to high noise levels. Please remember that other visitors may find this intrusive and it would be appreciated if noise was kept to an acceptable level.

All of the works of art in the Galleries are of great monetary value, as are many other exhibits on display. Pupils are not allowed to touch the paintings and other objects.

We welcome your group and hope that you enjoy your visit, however, we would point out that anyone considered to be causing a nuisance or displaying unacceptable behaviour will be asked to leave.