



Museum Manners

Before any program with children participating, we introduce our Museum Manners. These manners are guides for acceptable behaviour and help ensure that Museum programs are safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone. Sometimes children are asked to suggest manners so that they can be an active part of determining what acceptable behaviour looks like and take ownership of the process.

Museum manners include (but are not limited to):

Mouth - Use indoor voices, kind words

Ears - Listening to the speaker

Hands - Used for helping, not hurting (keep them to yourself)

- To help children understand why we don't touch artefacts in the Museum, have them rub their fingers together and ask if they can feel that their fingers get a bit slippery. This is due to the oil that our skin needs to be healthy, but these oils will hurt our artefacts over time. Even if we've just washed our hands, our skin will still make oil!
- We remind children that if it looks like they shouldn't be trying to touch something (it is behind glass/a rope/a fence, or placed out of reach), then they probably shouldn't be trying to touch it, but they can always ask an adult if they are not sure.

Feet - Walking when inside the Museum, staying on the sidewalk when going to the park. Keep them to yourself.

Heart - Be kind to oneself, each other, staff, visitors. Have fun!

Eyes - Focused on the speaker. Stay where you can see the group and leader - always stay together, especially outside.

If a child needs to use the washroom, they must ask the staff member leading the program or a teacher first.