



KS1 School Pack

Dear Teacher,

When Blue Planet Aquarium opened its doors in 1998, our ultimate goal was to spread knowledge of our underwater world throughout our local community, the North West and beyond. Twenty years on, this goal remains. We hope that all students and visitors can not only learn about, but be inspired by, what lurks beneath the water's surface, from streams to forests, from lakes to the ocean, and the animals that inhabit them.

Conservation efforts are now seeing a shift in focus towards education of conservation issues in those who can make a real difference: children. Our education programmes revolve around the changes we can make to our daily routine in order to help conserve our incredible planet for future generations.

In this pack, you will find details of the range of educational services we offer and their relevance to the current curriculum, designed to give your students the greatest understanding of wildlife conservation and beyond.

Please take the time to browse through the pack provided. The details provided will cover all you need to ensure a memorable and educational day.

We offer:

- Free bus/coach parking
- Allocated lunch time slot
- Reserved area of the restaurant
- Priority seating in Aquatheatre shows

In this pack you will find:

- KS1 Classroom sessions
- Booking form
- Pricing for peak and off peak
- Map
- School risk assessment

Sincerely,

Blue Planet Aquarium Education Team



School visit request

PROPOSED DATE OF VISIT

1 Requested Date _____

2 Requested Date _____

3 Requested Date _____

Customer Details			
Name of School			
Name of Person Making the Booking			
Address			
Telephone Number			
Email Address			
Number of Visitors	Student:	Teacher:	Carer:

KS1: Habitats ☐ What Lives In Water ☐ Creepy Crawlies ☐
Drowning in Plastics ☐ Colour & Camouflage ☐

Classroom Session Timing: Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐

Self Guided (No Classroom Session) ☐

PAYMENT METHOD

BACS ☐ (account number on request)

Cheque ☐

Credit Card ☐

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- We do NOT invoice payments, however breakdowns of the prices may be sent on request once a booking has been confirmed. Receipts will be provided upon full payment.
- You are entitled to 1 free admission per class in order to perform pre-visit checks and risk assessments once a booking has been confirmed. The date of your pre-visit check must be confirmed before arrival.
- We accept all credit cards except American Express.
- Ratio of Free Adults to Children: Nursery 1:4 Primary 1:6 Secondary 1:10



HABITATS KS1	Details	Curriculum Links
Introduction 5 minutes	Pupils will be asked 'what is a habitat?' They will discuss different habitats and describe their own habitat.	
Main Activity 15-20 minutes	<p>Pupils will discuss what makes a good habitat. They will explore the 5 necessities that make a good habitat and use these to decide whether different animals can live in different habitats.</p> <p>Pupils will learn about the difference between a necessity and a want.</p>	<p>KSI Science: discovering different environments, identifying animals and comparing them, questioning the world around them.</p> <p>KSI Geography: looking at different environments and where they might be in the world.</p>
End Section 5 minutes	<p>Pupils will discuss what is happening to our habitats. They will talk about pollution, deforestation, climate change, etc.</p> <p>Pupils will discuss things they can do to help, including the 5r's.</p>	

What Lives in Water KS1	Details	Curriculum Links
Introduction 5 minutes	Pupils will identify different marine animals in a game format.	
Main Activity 15-20 minutes	<p>Pupils will discuss the animals they have identified. They will sort the animals into different groups depending on where the animals live in the sea.</p> <p>Pupils will learn about differences between two animals and be able to compare these differences.</p>	<p>KS1 Science: identifying different animals, comparing different animals, exploring new habitats and questioning the world around them.</p> <p>KS1 Geography: discovering different parks of the ocean.</p> <p>KS1 Mathematics: Counting to 10</p>
End Section 5 minutes	Pupils will be asked how they think that they can help marine life and our environment in their everyday life. Staff will also suggest ideas that they can do both at home and in school.	

Drowning in Plastic KS1	Details	Curriculum Links
Introduction 5 minutes	Pupils will be asked 'what is plastic?'. They will discuss what plastic is, where the name comes from and why we use plastic.	
Main Activity 15-20 minutes	<p>Pupils will be asked to name 10 plastic items.</p> <p>Pupils will discuss why plastic is bad for the environment, how it affects marine life and how it can affect us.</p>	<p>KS1 Science: identifying materials and listing some of their properties, comparing materials.</p> <p>KS1 Geography: understanding the environment and how it is affected.</p>
End Section 5 minutes	<p>Pupils will discuss what we can do to help. This will include the 5 r's.</p> <p>Pupils will take a look at some plastic items and find the recycle symbol.</p>	

Creepy Crawlies – KS1	Details	Curriculum Links
Introduction 5 minutes	<p>Pupils will be asked “ Who here doesn’t like creepy crawlies” and “where do you find them”</p> <p>Pupils will then discuss what a habitat is and the different between a habitat and micro habitat.</p>	
Main Activity 10 – 20 minutes	<p>Pupils will be shown some microhabitats and will have to name animals that may live there and what characteristic they would have.</p> <p>Pupils will discuss the different characteristics of different creepy crawlies. E.g. Insects, Arachnids, Myriapods and Gastropods.</p> <p>Pupils will then place different animals in these groups.</p>	<p>KS1 Science: Identifying the different characteristics between different animals.</p> <p>KS1 Geography: Discussing different habitats and microhabitats.</p>
End session 5 minutes	<p>Pupils will discuss why these animals are important to different environments.</p> <p>Pupils will discuss what could be affecting the environment these animals live in.</p>	

Colour & Camouflage KS1	Details	Curriculum Links
Introduction 5 minutes	<p>Pupils will be asked ‘what is camouflage?’</p> <p>Pupils will discuss animals that can camouflage.</p>	
Main Activity 15-20 minutes	<p>Pupils will discuss why animals might need to camouflage.</p> <p>Pupils will learn the difference between venomous and poisonous.</p> <p>Pupils will be shown images of camouflaged animals and see if they can identify them.</p>	<p>KS1 Science: identifying and comparing animals, discovering new habitats.</p> <p>KS1 Art: identifying colours.</p> <p>KS1 Geography: identifying different environments.</p>
End Section 5 minutes	<p>Pupils will discuss what is happening to these animals. They will learn about habitat destruction like deforestation and melting ice caps.</p> <p>Pupils will discuss what we can do to help.</p>	

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End session 5 minutes	<p>Pupils will discuss why these animals are important to different environments.</p> <p>Pupils will discuss what could be affecting the environment these animals live in.</p>	



Education

Pricing - Off Peak

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FREE TEACHER TO PUPIL RATIO
 NURSERY 1:4 PRIMARY 1:6 SECONDARY 1:10

PRIMARY CLASSROOM SESSION AVAILABLE
 SECONDARY CLASSROOM SESSION AVAILABLE
 MAXIMUM OF 30 CHILDREN PER SESSION



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Education Pricing – Peak

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Current prices can be found at www.blueplanetaquarium.co.uk



School Risk Assessment

Risk assessment for Exhibition areas and Classroom

Blue Planet Aquarium endeavor to provide the safest possible environment during your visit.

Children remain the responsibility of accompanying teachers , parents or group leaders and should be supervised at all times. Prior to your visit please make group members aware of the following:

General Exhibition Area

Visitors are advised:

- No running
- To refrain from consumption of food items.
- To refrain from smoking in all areas of the aquarium (Fire alarms are fitted throughout).
- To refrain from putting body parts including fingers into any of the exhibits.
- Caution around wet floor signage and any wet floors.
- To be aware of stairs, ramps and raised areas in the aquarium.
- To be aware of any areas with reduced lighting.
- Caution around closing doors.
- To avoid clearly identified unauthorised areas.
- Caution of low hazards, for example, handrails.

Shark Tunnel

Visitors are advised:

- Caution when utilising the moving walkway
- To follow the direction of the moving walkway.
- Pushchairs and wheelchairs should be designated to the carpet area whenever possible.
- No running.
- Utilize the walkway appropriately, for example, no sitting or lying on the moving walkway.
- Caution of body parts when utilizing the walkway, including the edges of the walkway.
- To refrain from the consumption of food items.

Classrooms

Visitors are advised:

- To refrain from the consumption of food items
- Caution around classroom equipment and resources, including any trip hazards.
- Seek advice from the presenter in case of an emergency.
- Locate the fire exits in the room.
- Caution during classroom activities
- Listen and follow instructions given by the Presenter/Teacher.
- Wash hands after handling any items in the room.

This list is not exhaustive and Blue Planet Aquarium does not accept liability for any omissions. If you find any hazards that should be addressed, please don't hesitate to contact the nearest member of staff.

Fire

Visitors are advised:

- A loud alarm will sound.
- All fire escapes are clearly marked and Blue Planet Aquarium staff will guide you out of the nearest fire exit.
- Visitors are advised not to return to vehicles in the car park, but gather at the Fire Assembly Point located at the front of the building.
- All members of groups should be accounted for, and any missing parties reported to the Blue Planet Aquarium's assigned Fire Marshall.

First Aid

Visitors are advised:

- Blue Planet Aquarium assigns three First Aiders every day.
- A designated First Aid room is located in the foyer.
- If a First Aider is required, please report to the nearest member of staff or a member of the team located at reception.
- A responsible person is required to accompany the individual to the First Aid room. Responsible persons include teachers, parents or group leaders.
- An accident form must be completed.

Playground

Visitors are advised:

- Play area surfaces may be slippery when wet.
- The equipment is designed for all children up to the age of 14 years.
- Children should be supervised by a teacher, parent or group leader at all times.
- If first aid is required, please contact a member of Blue Planet Aquarium team (either at the gift shop or main reception).
- Report any issues or faulty equipment to a member of the Blue Planet Aquarium team.
- Blue Planet Aquarium is not responsible for any injury sustained whilst using this equipment.



Arriving at Blue Planet Aquarium

Blue Planet Aquarium opens daily from 10am. On arrival, please ensure your coach parks in the left hand car park as this will allow you free access. The Group Organiser should then report to Reception to collect their welcome pack and twenty five minute lunch slot allocation. Please ask all students and other teachers to remain on the coach whilst payment is processed. Once the booking details have been checked and all outstanding payments have been made, your school will be free to enter the Aquarium.

Payment

Please be aware that no invoice can or will be issued.

All schools must pay the balance on or before the date of visit.

Payment can be made by cash, card or cheque. If paying by cheque, it must be double signed and made payable to "Blue Planet Aquarium". A receipt will be issued upon full payment. Terms and conditions apply.

Risk Assessment

A full risk assessment is attached. If you have any queries, please contact us.

Goody Bags

Our retail department are on hand to ensure that your visit to our shop will be easy and enjoyable. We have a large selection of gifts both educational and fun to suit all budgets from £5pp upwards. To order in advance please call 0151 357 8804.

Special Requirements

If your group have any special requirements that you think we should be aware of, please let us know so that we can do our best to accommodate them.

Lunch Time Arrangements

We will allocate you an area in our restaurant for you to eat your packed lunches. This 25 minute lunch slot will be allocated to you on a "first booked, first served" basis. You must stick to your allocated lunch slot. Blue Planet Aquarium can provide some storage facilities for packed lunches etc.; however this is limited and is not guaranteed to be available.

Once booked, please check all these details carefully as it is a working document for our Operations Team. If there are any amendments or if you have any queries, please contact our Bookings Team on 0151 357 8804 between 09:00 and 16.30 seven days a week.



Shows and feeding times

Various shows are held throughout the day, these include:

11:00 Pelican Talk	11:30 Aqua-theatre Show
12:00 Frog Zone	12:30 Octopus Talk
13:30 Aqua-theatre Show	14:00 Daily Feed
14:30 Coral Cave	15:00 Venom Talk
15:30 Aqua-theatre Show	16:00 Lake Malawi

Please be aware that show and talk times are subject to change and cannot be guaranteed. There is no need to book in order to attend any of these shows or feed.

Terms and conditions

- All Schools must pay the balance on the date of the visit. School Cheques, Cash and Credit cards are accepted (with the exception of American Express). Cheques should be made payable to 'Blue Planet Aquarium'.

BLUE PLANET AQUARIUM DO NOT PROCESS INVOICES FOR EDUCATIONAL VISITS

- Bookings are taken on a first come, first served basis and you are strongly advised to book early for peak periods (May, June and July).
- Blue Planet Aquarium reserves the right to alter or cancel classroom sessions if operational or other difficulties require us to do so.
- Blue Planet is not responsible for personal items damaged or lost within the attraction or surrounding ground and car park, other than in circumstances covered by our Public Liability Insurance.
- All groups are advised to take out their own personal insurance for out-of-school visits and activities.
- Blue Planet Aquarium would like to remind all visitors that for operational or other circumstances, certain exhibits, attractions or facilities may be unavailable at any time.
- Blue Planet Aquarium reserves the right to ask any individual or party to leave the premises if they are causing disruption or acting in a way that offends or disturbs other visitors. No monies will be refundable in this event. any amendments or if you have any queries, please contact our Bookings Team on 0151 357 8804 between 09:00 and 16.30 seven days a week.