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UK Parliament Education and Engagement Service

## Information about your visit

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[parliament/education.uk](https://parliament/education.uk)



# Story of Parliament visit

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The Story of Parliament film and tour lasts 1.5 hours.

- Groups will enter via the Education Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens (marked '4' on map). At the end of the tour you will exit via Westminster Hall and Carriage Gates (marked '5' on map).
- Pupils should only bring a small bag, as they will carry their belongings with them for the duration of the visit.
- There is no designated lunch space in the Education Centre and eating and drinking is not permitted elsewhere, including in Westminster Hall.
- Toilets are available in the Education Centre and Westminster Hall (where the gift shop is located).
- If you have pre-ordered souvenirs from the shop, they will be available to collect at the Education Centre when you arrive. Your order(s) will need to be taken with you on your tour.
- We will contact your organisation's local MP in advance of your visit to make them aware of your educational trip to UK Parliament and the name of the person organising your visit may be passed on. Please contact the MP's office directly if you would like to try and arrange a meeting on the day (please note that this might not always be possible).



# Tour information

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Your visit will include some or all of the following, depending on parliamentary business:

- The House of Commons and/or House of Lords debating chambers
- Access to the public galleries to watch MPs and Peers at work
- Westminster Hall, which dates back to the 11th century
- Central Lobby, at the very heart of the Parliamentary Estate
- St. Stephen's Hall



# SEND pupils

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We believe that every pupil has a democratic entitlement to visit their UK Parliament and we welcome pupils with different Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our aim is to provide an accessible and enjoyable experience of Parliament.

If you wish to discuss any adjustments that may be required for your group, please call the UK Parliament Education Service on **020 7219 4496**.

To find out more about UK Parliament SEND programmes, visit:

**[parliament.uk/send](https://parliament.uk/send)**

SEND teaching resources can be found at: **[parliament.uk/teach](https://parliament.uk/teach)**



## Arrival

The UK Parliament Education Centre is in Victoria Tower Gardens (marked '4' on map).

- Groups should arrive 15 minutes before their visit start time to go through an 'airport-style' security search.
- There is no parking available on the Parliamentary Estate, however there are several coach parking bays in Westminster, which are available at a charge (see [westminster.gov.uk/coach-parking](https://www.westminster.gov.uk/coach-parking) for further details).
- Coaches may drop groups on the river side of Abingdon Street, before the second zebra crossing.
- If you are running late, please call the UK Parliament Education Team on **020 7219 4496**

**The following items are not permitted on the Parliamentary Estate and will be confiscated.**

Please do not attempt to bring these items in.



### **Contact us**

For more information phone **020 7219 4496** or email **[engage@parliament.uk](mailto:engage@parliament.uk)**.  
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In the unlikely event of our phone line and email account being unavailable, we will publish alternative contact details on our Twitter account **[@UKParEducation](https://twitter.com/UKParEducation)**. Please also ensure you have supplied us with your emergency contact details before you visit.