

Crime and Punishment through the Ages

Teacher notes

Duration: **50 minutes**

Meeting Point: **Salt Tower Courtyard**

The Tower of London has, over the centuries, acquired a fearsome reputation as one of England's most notorious prisons, despite being built for a different purpose.

In this session, children will put themselves into a prisoner's shoes. Where would they have been locked up? What was the Tower like for a prisoner? What crime might they have committed?

A costumed presenter will recount exciting stories from the Tower's dark history, whilst exploring historic spaces originally used to hold prisoners.

Learning objectives

Children will:

- Increase their knowledge of the Tower of London as a prison: why the Tower makes a good prison, the type of prisoners kept, their conditions, reasons for imprisonment and the stories of particular prisoners.
- Come to understand the role of prison in the sixteenth century state and how this compares to the present day.
- Appreciate the reality of historical events studied in the classroom by placing them within the context of where the events occurred here at the Tower.

National Curriculum links

This session supports:

- The study of changes in an aspect of social history, such as crime and punishment from the Anglo-Saxons to the present.
- Developing enquiry skills by exploring the historical environment through storytelling.
- Pupils will recognise and draw comparisons between their own experience and the lives of people in the past.

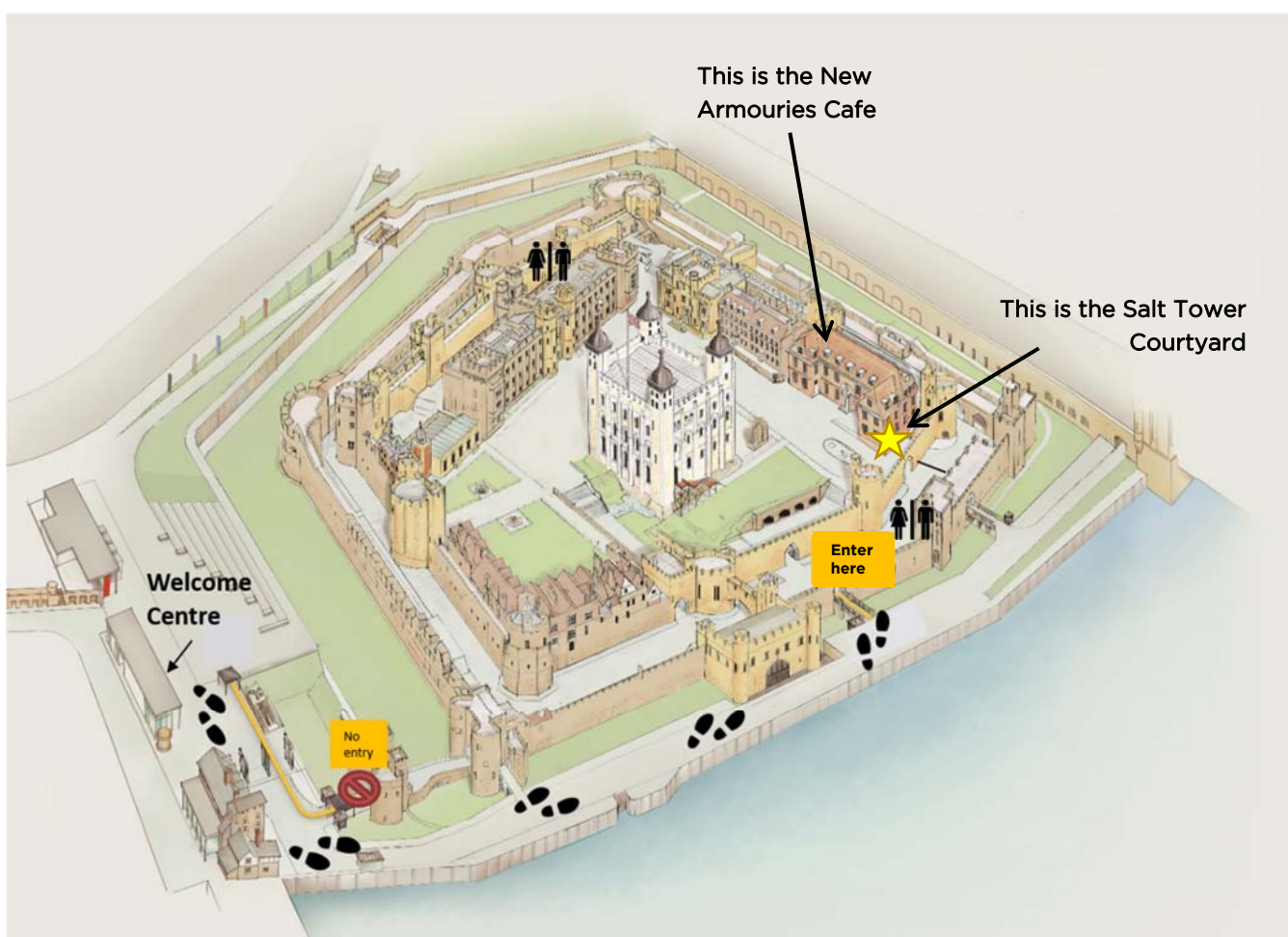
For your information, parts of this session may include time outside so please encourage your children to dress accordingly.



During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to child ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For Health & Safety reason, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 children.

Please meet your session presenter at the **Salt Tower Courtyard**. This is marked on the map below with a star. The courtyard is located next to the New Armouries Cafe.



This is where your costumed session presenter will meet you at your allocated start time. We recommend being there a few minutes early.

