

Power & Politics

Teacher Notes

Duration: 1hr

Meeting Point: State Entrance

A long-standing disagreement between two powerful families threatens everyone's happiness. What would you do to solve the dispute of 'who is most powerful'?

Pupils will meet a costumed presenter portraying a member of the Hill family at the centre of a dispute between the Hills & the Stewarts, regarding power & standing in the community. As they explore the State Rooms pupils will investigate the idea of power, where it comes from, and how it is symbolised. They will discover the consequences of an abuse of power, uncover the origins of Parliament and help their host decide how to solve the disagreement between two great Anglo-Irish families.

Learning objectives

Children will:

- Learn that Hillsborough Castle is both a home and a place of political importance.
- Learn that power is displayed and symbolised in many different ways.
- Learn that we can look to the past to help us solve problems today.
- Learn how Parliament came to be.

National Curriculum links

This session supports:

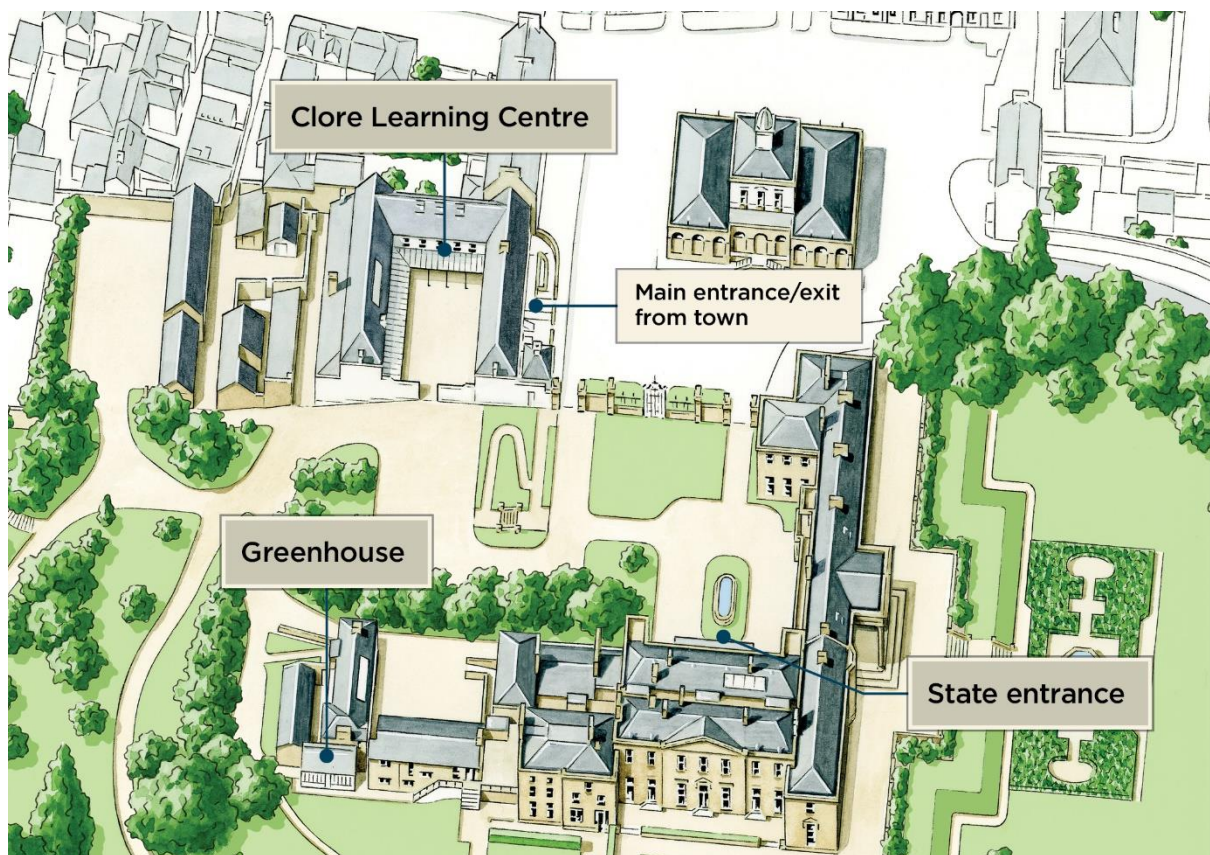
- Finding out about a famous person/family in the past.
- Exploring how people and places have changed over time.
- Exploring an historical building.
- Development of historical enquiry skills.
- Development of speaking and listening skills and asking perceptive questions.
- Exploring causes of conflict and appropriate responses.
- Pupils to recognise the importance of democratic decision making.
- Pupils to compare and contrast their feelings with someone in the past.

During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to pupil 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 reasons, our sessions are for a maximum of 32 children.

The session your group has booked with us takes place on the visitor route at Hillsborough Castle.

Please meet your workshop presenter at the State Entrance. This is marked on the map below and is underneath the flagpole.



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

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