

A Victorian Wedding Party

Teacher Notes

Duration: 1hr

Meeting Point: State Entrance

How did Victorians celebrate? Explore how rich and poor in Victorian Ireland would have celebrated important events.

Pupils will meet a costumed presenter portraying a member of the Hill family on the eve of the wedding of the year! Pupils will assist in preparations for the big day and learn about suitable entertainment, food and gifts. Examining replica artefacts in the dining room will help pupils compare and contrast the experiences of rich and poor in Victorian times. They will then explore patterns and symmetry within the house, before designing their own wedding gift.

Learning objectives

Children will:

- Learn that Hillsborough Castle is a home with close links to the community.
- Learn that rich and poor people lived differently in Victorian times but enjoyed many similar things.
- Learn what food, dances and style were fashionable at the time.
- Use their discoveries to draw comparisons between their own lives and the lives of people in the past.

National Curriculum links

This session supports:

- Pupils to explore 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.
- Exploration of shape and pattern in the environment, including creating a symmetrical pattern.
- Speaking & listening skills.

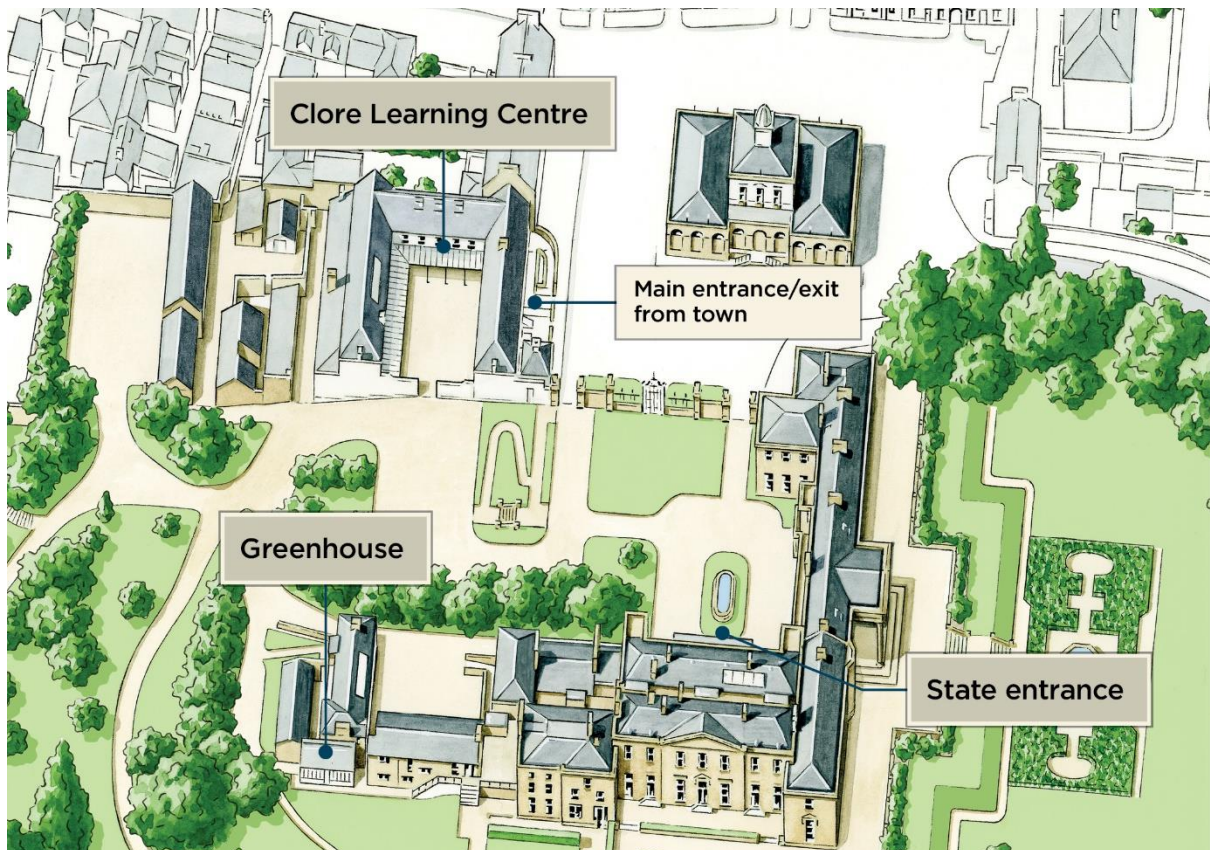
During your session:

Please note that the 1:5 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 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.