

Educational Booking Information

The Lake District Coast Aquarium has proven over the years to be a valuable educational resource for students of all ages and abilities as well as being a fun and exciting day out! Our guided tours offer a unique experience where you can observe and engage with many different species of fish; we have over 50 different species ranging from those native to the Solway to those inhabiting warmer climates.



A typical visit to our aquarium involves;

Arrival- There is free coach parking on the large pay & display carpark as well as free parking for smaller coaches in our private carpark by the Adventure Playground.

Welcome at Reception- When you arrive, please make it known to a member of staff on Reception. You will then be introduced to your Aquarist(s) for the day and taken to our Wild Solway Room where your personal belongings can be left.

Short Film- We offer a variety of short films that we show before beginning the tour. These range from 10 minutes to 25 minutes and are shown in our Wild Solway Theatre Room.

Explore the Aquarium- Accompanied by your aquarist, you will be guided throughout the Aquarium and given all sorts of facts and information relating to the exhibits, habitats and animals you meet throughout the aquarium. Tours usually last around 1 hour. Depending on group size, you may be asked to split into smaller groups allowing more interaction between student and aquarist during the tour.

Time in the Gift Shop- Our gift shop is packed full of souvenirs to suit all ages.

Play Park & Harbour Walks- We have the “Shiver Me Timbers” adventure playpark with splash zone situated near the entrance of our Wild Solway Exhibition. There are also paths that take you around the dock and marina should you wish to take your group(s) on a walk during your visit.

Lunch- You are welcome to bring your own food to the aquarium which you can eat in our Wild Solway Theatre room or during pleasant weather there are picnic benches that are located outside next to the play park.

We also have additional quizzes & activities available that can be used during your tour or after your tour should you wish to go around the Aquarium again.

Price

Current group rates are

- £7.50 per child (3-16 years old). One adult is admitted free for every 5th child.
- £11.00 per extra adult
- Under 3s go free with a paying adult.

To avoid confusion and overcrowding we can only accommodate one school at a time so early booking is advised. A deposit is not required; however, we do ask that you pay a cancellation fee of £50 if we are not given 7 days' notice.

Payment

We will issue an invoice for you to take away for your records after your visit. You are welcome to pay on the day or pay via BACs within 30 days of your visit.

Teachers are welcome to visit The Lake District Coast Aquarium on a preliminary planning visit where you will see our facilities first hand and will have the opportunity to discuss with us any particular requirements you may have regarding tour content, tour schedule or administrative matters.

Provisional bookings can only be held for 7 days. After this time the date will be released.