

SEN School Workshops

The RA welcomes students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Our workshops for students with SEND emphasise **personal creativity, meaningful engagement, and individual choice.**

We work creatively to support students to engage with artworks and art making in a way that is relevant and accessible to them.



Who can book

We welcome all school age students with SEND, and recommend that your group is:

- **a single class, who regularly learn and create together**
- **a maximum of 12 students, dependent on the access requirements of the group**

How to book

Prior to booking, we strongly encourage teachers to confirm that:

- your students have permission to attend a workshop at the RA
- your class will have access to transportation on your chosen workshop date

To book, please go to roy.ac/teachers and complete a booking form. A member of the Learning Team will contact you about your booking within 2 weeks.

Risk Assessments

Please [email the Learning Assistant](#) if you would like a generic risk assessment for the building, or to plan a visit to the RA to conduct your own risk assessment.

Please note access to the Clore Learning Centre (where SEN school workshops take place) is limited; let us know in advance if you need to see this space.

Getting to the RA

We have a limited number of accessible parking spaces in the courtyard of Burlington House. Please indicate if you require accessible parking when filling out the booking form. **You will need the vehicle registration, contact name and phone number to book a space.**

Free travel is available through the Transport for London School Party Travel Scheme.

Workshops at the RA

Class observation

Prior to every SEN school workshop, two artist educators will visit your school and observe the visiting class of students. A typical class observation takes 1 hour and no special preparation is required.

During the observation, the artist educators will meet your students and observe their regular classroom environment. This enables us to get a sense of their access requirements, personalities and preferences. We will use this information to build and lead a workshop that is engaging for your students.

Support during the workshop

Our artist educators are experienced in leading and delivering the art engagement and creative elements of the workshop.

We ask that school staff provide support for students requiring specialised medical support or for students with particular behaviours that require attention during the workshop. **We ask that you ensure there are enough support staff accompanying your class to ensure a safe environment.**

Workshop schedule

This is an example of how a workshop may run, dependent on the interests and requirements of your students:

10.30am	Welcome Artist educators and volunteers meet your group in the front hall of Burlington House.
10.30–11am	Group welcome in the Clore Learning Centre Artist educators explain what will happen in the workshop and introduce the exhibition.
11am–12pm	Guided exhibition visit Artist educators support students to engage with and explore artworks.
12–12.45pm	Lunch Your group returns to the Clore Learning Centre for a packed lunch (brought by students/school).
12.45–1.45pm	Creative workshop Students are supported by artist educators and volunteers to create works of art. They are encouraged to make their own creative decisions during the workshop.
1.45pm	Reflection Students are invited to respond to the artwork they have made.
2pm	End of workshop

Workshops at your school

We offer a limited number of workshops for students with SEND at your school. An artist educator will come to your school to lead a creative workshop inspired by art and artists from the RA Collection. These workshops last approximately 2 hours depending on the nature of your group. A class observation is required prior to your workshop.

How to book

If you would like to book one of these sessions, please fill out the booking form at roy.ac/teachers.

Contact us

If you have any questions please get in touch with the Learning Assistant at studentgroups@royalacademy.org.uk or 020 7300 5995