



GROUP VISITS

Arrival Logistics

Arrival

If you are arriving by **bus, TTC or car**, pull up or walk to the **Groups entrance** to the **Weston Family Learning Centre**, located on Dundas Street near Beverley Street, at the west end of the AGO.

Once Inside

After entering via the **Groups entrance**, turn to your right and proceed down the stairs to enter the Weston Family Learning Centre (WFLC). Elevator access to the WFLC is on the left, through the set of double doors.

Educators: Proceed straight to the Ticket Desk, located at the bottom of the stairs. AGO staff will process your payment, give you your tickets and provide you with any information relevant to your group. You can then meet up with your group at Coat Check.

Students: Turn right to enter the Coat Check area. If you are participating in a guided program you will be greeted by your Education Officer, who will lead you to your Coat Check area. If you are visiting on a Self-Guided basis, you will be directed to your Coat Check area by AGO staff.

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Organizing Your Students

Students 16 years of age and younger must be supervised by teachers and/or adult supervisors **at all times** during all Guided and Self-Guided Gallery Visits.

Appropriate student behaviour is the sole responsibility of teachers and adult supervisors.

Active participation, such as assisting students with activities and supervising student behaviour, is expected of all teachers and adult supervisors.

We require the following ratios of adult supervisors to students:

- JK to Grade 3 1:5
- Grades 4 to 6 1:8
- Grades 7 and 8 1:10
- Grades 9 to 12 1:15

Please divide students into groups of 30 or fewer for all Guided Gallery Visits and Studio Visits, with the appropriate number of adult supervisors per group.

For Guided Gallery Visits, we engage students in large- and small-group discussions and activities. If you are visiting with a group of 30 students or fewer, please divide the students into smaller groups of 10 students each, in order to help us easily transition between large- and small-group discussions.

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Gallery Rules

Before entering:

- Please leave all coats, large bags and backpacks in the Coat Check area.
- Gum, food and drink, including water bottles, are **not allowed** in the galleries.
- If you are sketching in the galleries, please make sure your materials meet the AGO's requirements:
 - no clipboards: **sketch books or pads only**;
 - no pens: **pencils without erasers only**;
 - no erasers.
- Photography of the artwork is not allowed; photography of the architecture in Galleria Italia and Walker Court is welcomed.

In the galleries:

- Please keep **your cell phone on vibrate or silent**; if you are participating in a guided program, please turn off your cell phone.
- Please **keep a distance of one metre away from all artwork**. Some installations have no protective barriers and invite close scrutiny, but please be mindful of your distance.
- While we welcome enthusiasm and discussion, **please be respectful of other groups** and individuals in the Gallery spaces, particularly in terms of volume and crowding.
- **Gallery Guides**, identified by orange lanyards, are available to answer questions.

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Dr. Mariano Elia Hands-On Centre

The Dr. Mariano Elia Hands-On Centre is a creative play space designed for early learners and their families and/or caregivers. During the week, the centre is open from 10 am to 2 pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Please keep the following in mind while visiting the Hands-On Centre at the AGO:

- The play space is suited for children in **JK to Grade 2** only.
- School groups at the AGO for **My First Visit** and/or **My First Studio** guided programs are welcome to use the centre.
- Upon arrival, **advise the Ticket Desk** what time you would like to use the centre during your visit.
- Before entering, **line up your students by the centre's entrance door** and check in with the Education Officer on duty.
- Only one group of students may use the centre at a time. **Group size is solely at the discretion of the Education Officer on duty** and is dependent upon room capacity. Larger groups may be asked to split into two or three smaller groups, and visits may be limited to 10 to 15 minutes per group.