

GROUP VISITS

OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Welcome to the group visitor information for the Old Grammar School situated in Castletown. Here you will find everything you need to plan a visit.



The Old Grammar School is a fascinating building dating back to around 1200AD when it was built as the first town church for the settlement that grew up around Castle Rushen, fortress of the Norse Kings of Mann and the Isles.

Things to see and do:

- Step inside the oldest roofed structure in the Isle of Man
- Sit at an old fashioned bench desk in the Victorian classroom
- Learn reading, writing and arithmetic
- Read lessons from the blackboard
- Look at Victorian books and school equipment
- See examples of children's work in Victorian times

Opening Hours 2019/2020

The Old Grammar School is open for pre-booked groups by special request only.



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Timing your visit

A typical visit lasts 15 to 30 minutes

We recommend that a visit to the Old Grammar School is timed to include visits to other attractions within walking distance in Castletown:

- Castle Rushen, one of the world's best preserved medieval castles
- The Nautical Museum, where you can discover the story of the late Captain George Quayle, his eccentric boathouse and his most significant surviving creation the Peggy. The Peggy has temporarily been removed to a specialist building for a long-term programme of stabilisation, conservation and study
- The Old House of Keys, former home of the Manx Parliament

A visit to the Old Grammar School can also be easily combined with Rushen Abbey in neighbouring Ballasalla or the National Folk Museum at Cregneash which is a ten minute drive away.

Admission

Free of charge. Donations are most welcome.

Booking your visit

Please contact the Group Bookings Officer to make a booking. Once the booking has been confirmed, you will receive a group booking permit to present on arrival at the site.

How to get there

By coach: Enter Castletown via the Douglas Road (from Douglas) or Alexandra Road (from the South). Follow Victoria Road into Castletown, crossing the harbour bridge. The Old Grammar School is situated in the heart of Castletown between the town square and Castle Rushen.

By bus: from Douglas, Peel, Port Erin and Port St Mary

Steam Railway: The Old Grammar School is signposted from Castletown station.

For timetables please see www.iombusandrail.info

Coach parking and coach travel information

Coaches may drop off or collect passengers at Castletown town square. Free coach parking is available in the area behind the George Hotel, adjacent to Castletown fire station. Please note that speed limits apply in Castletown and there are narrow streets within the town.



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Access information

The Old Grammar School is partially accessible to wheelchair users. There is a step at the entrance to the building, although a side door is available for access to the school room by request.

Detailed access information is available at

<https://manxnationalheritage.im/visit/getting-about/accessibility-information/>

Visitor Information

- Unfortunately toilets are not available within the Old Grammar School, however there are a number of public conveniences throughout Castletown and at nearby Castle Rushen.
- Photography and filming (for personal use only) and use of mobile phones is permitted

