

RocketWorld School Information Sheet

Thanks for your interest in the International Society's RocketWorld project.

The International Society is a charity in Greater Manchester supported by the three universities in the city. It was established in 1966 and works to support international students, promote international friendship and celebrate cultural diversity. It currently has more than 6000 members from more than 120 different countries.

The below information represents a typical day visit but all aspects are flexible.

If you have not had a RocketWorld visit to your school before we do our best to offer a free taster day. Subsequent visits are currently charged at £475 per day to keep the project sustainable.

We generally arrive at 9.00am and then require the hall for 30 minutes to set up. Schools generally cancel assembly on the day of a visit.

From **9.30 to 11.15** we see two classes (approx. 60 children) and run through the break. We see both classes together at the same time - not in two separate groups. From **1.30 to 3.15** we see another two classes. These times are flexible and can be altered to fit in with your school day. Increasing numbers of schools are booking 2 consecutive days so more pupils can participate.

If each child could bring a pen or pencil with them to the hall it would be very helpful. These are used to fill in the RocketWorld passport which every child receives.

The school visited generally provides lunches for the volunteers. There are usually about 12 people including the group leader. It is suggested that the canteen provide half vegetarian and half non-vegetarian meals to cover all the volunteers dietary requirements. If there is a problem with this please let me know so I can make other arrangements.

A further 25 minutes is required from 3.15 at the end of the day to clear the hall. Deflating the EarthBall requires the use of a vacuum cleaner and 20 minutes of noise. I like to let schools know this so any people running other after school activities on the day can be informed in advance.

We do not require a parking space as we are dropped off by a minibus in the morning and collected at the end of the day.

The EarthBall is 10 feet high so please let me know if your schools has a particularly low ceiling. Most school halls are fine.

If you haven't already done so you might also want to have a look at our website. The site has lots of colourful photos and feedback from schools, children and volunteers.

All RocketWorld facilitators have DBS checks but due to the nature of the project it is impossible to get checks for all the volunteers who are from all over the world. Volunteers are never left alone with the children and receive full training before the visit. If this is a problem please let us know.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the email or mobile below if you have any further questions. RocketWorld has so far visited more than 60 schools and over 8,000 children have taken part.

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