

# EVACUEE EXPERIENCE

The aim of this visit is to gain historical perspective in the context of a local history study or an aspect of British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge. It provides an opportunity for children to experience and empathise with evacuation and the Home Front. Children will make use of a range of artefacts at both Bury Transport Museum and Bury Art Museum to enhance their learning. They will also experience a journey as an evacuee on a steam-hauled train (please note that the East Lancashire Railway reserves the right to change to a diesel service on short notice)



## >> BOOKING

Pre-booking is essential. To make a booking, ring the East Lancashire Railway on 0161 764 7790 between January and Easter; office hours are 10.00 to 16.00, Monday to Friday.

## >> COST

Money payable on the day of travel, receipt given. No deposit required, no charge for accompanying staff.

£10.00 per child for full line return trip.

£8.00 per single trip, meeting transport at Rawtweenstall.

## >> DATES

Wednesday 23 April - Friday 18 July and Wednesday 10 - Friday 26 September, maximum group size 75 (split into 2 groups). Both groups will spend one session at Bury Transport Museum and the other at Bury Art Museum. All will ride on the train at the same time. Please note that the train ride will be at the end of the day (see timetable below). Schools having to depart early now have the opportunity to meet their transport after the billeting exercise.

## School visits programme - **Evacuee Experience**

### >> **AGE/KEY STAGE**

This programme is suitable for Key Stage 2

### >> **TRIP TIMETABLE**

10.00: Arrival and introduction

10.20 - 11.20: Session 1

11.20 - 11.50: Toilet, snack<sup>1</sup> and transfer time

11.50 - 12.50: Session 2

13.05 - 14.23: Train ride and lunch, billeting exercise at Rawtenstall<sup>2</sup>, optional shop visit before departure.

<sup>1</sup> Please note that as lunch will be late, there will be an opportunity for the children to have a small snack: we can provide water.

<sup>2</sup> Schools departing early will complete the billeting exercise before meeting their transport at Rawtenstall at 14.00.

### >> **ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATION**

Bury Transport Museum and Bury Art Museum are a few minutes walk apart, with safe crossing points.

At Bury Transport Museum the children will work in small groups, with each group completing 2 or 3 activities per learning session. Please note that there are up to 5 activities, so the children will have different learning experiences and some follow-up time at school may be necessary so that groups can feed back to each other.

Activities include:

What's in my pockets? - looking at the contents of a fictional evacuee boy's pockets, using them to explore how children played and comparing them to what we carry today.

Studying artefacts - hands on examination and discussion of genuine period items.

Evacuee suitcase - identifying types of clothing that evacuee children would be familiar with and the amount they were allowed to take with them.

Air raid! - looking at how a family would have coped in an air raid shelter and how they made their time more comfortable.

Money - examining and identifying period coins, then trying to make up amounts and possibly give change.

The session at Bury Art Museum will be centred around handling museum objects from the Second World War period. Pupils will have the opportunity to examine the objects first hand and will be encouraged to think about the people they belonged to and the context in which they were used.

### >> **WHAT TO BRING**

Children may bring a snack to eat at "break" time; we can provide water. All members of the party will need to bring a packed lunch and drink to consume on the train.

Waterproof coat - we do have some umbrellas for the children to borrow if required.

Warm cardigan.

It's great if you can come in costume, to go with your labels and gas mask.