

## **'Learn Jainism' Teachers' Notes**

### **Units 2D and 8E – Visiting a Place of Worship**

#### **Visiting a Jain temple**

Many of the Jain temples in Britain welcome classroom visits. This is an ideal opportunity for your class to learn more about Jain beliefs and worship. This sheet gives you the information you need in order to organise a class visit to a Jain temple.

#### **Prior to Your Visit**

You and your pupils can find more information about Jain temples and what happens inside of them in pages 14-15 and 18-19 of 'Discover Jainism'. If you look in the 'Picture Bank' section of the 'Learn Jainism' website you will find images of various Jain temples in Britain. You and your pupils are free to use these images in the classroom.

#### **Booking a Visit to a Jain Temple**

It is important to book in advance before arranging a visit to a local Jain temple. Many of the temples are busy places and it is always a good idea to make sure that the temple is able to accommodate your class/year group. When you make a booking you can also find out whether the temple can offer additional support for your class visit. There are details of each of the Jain temples at the end of this sheet.

#### **Activities in the Temple**

Whilst the visit to the temple helps your pupils to learn more about Jain beliefs and practices it can also be a good opportunity for your pupils to work in other subjects. Your pupils can take along drawing pads to draw some architectural details from the interior or exterior of the temple. (Art and Design Unit 2C 'Can Buildings Speak?'; Unit 7B 'What's in a Building?' and Unit 8C 'Shared View'). The use of digital equipment such as cameras, videos and audio recording devices can also be used. However permission should always be sought before this equipment is used inside the temple.

#### **Activities in the Classroom**

After your visit to the temple you could ask your pupils to write and design a guidebook to the temple that they just visited. They would need to think about who was going to read the guidebook and write their text with that audience in mind. This will help with the development of text level work. Designing the guidebook on a computer will also help to develop their ICT skills.



**Name of Temple**

The Oshwal Centre (Potters Bar)

**Address**

The Oshwal Centre  
Coopers Lane Road  
Northaw  
Herts.  
EN6 4DG

**Website**

<http://www.oshwal.org>

**Contact Name for Bookings**

Mr. Shah, Office Administrator

**Telephone Number**

01707 643838

**E-mail Address**

[manu@oshwalcentre.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:manu@oshwalcentre.freeserve.co.uk)

**Maximum Number of Pupils for one visit**

40

**Charging**

There is no charge for a visit to the temple although donations are always welcome.

**Parking**

There is parking for coaches nearby.

**Packed Lunches**

There is a designated area for pupils to eat their packed lunches. However, only vegetarian food can be eaten in this area.

**Special Arrangements**

A member of temple staff can be available to meet and talk to your pupils.



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**Name of Temple**

The Jain Centre (Leicester)

**Address**

32 Oxford Street  
Leicester  
LE1 5XU

**Website**

<http://www.jaincentre.co.uk>

**Contact Name for Bookings**

Dr Ramesh Mehta

**Telephone Number**

0116 2702773 or 07930 479957

**E-mail Address**

[drmlmehta@hotmail.com](mailto:drmlmehta@hotmail.com)

**Maximum Number of Pupils for one visit**

50

**Charging**

There is no charge for a visit to the temple although donations are always welcome.

**Parking**

There is no parking for coaches nearby although pupils can be dropped off by the temple.

**Packed Lunches**

There is a designated area for pupils to eat their packed lunches. However, only vegetarian food can be eaten in this area.

**Special Arrangements**

A member of temple staff can be available to meet and talk to your pupils.



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**Name of Temple**

Jain Community Centre (Manchester)

**Address**

667-669 Stockport Road  
Longsight  
Manchester  
M12 4QE

**Website**

None

**Contact Name for Bookings**

Mrs. Saroj j. Patel

**Telephone Number**

0161 491 3552 or 07786 220059

**E-mail Address**

mukesh@kipfoldgroup.com

**Maximum Number of Pupils for one visit**

35

**Charging**

There is no charge for a visit to the temple although donations are always welcome.

**Parking**

There is parking for coaches nearby.

**Packed Lunches**

There is a no area inside the temple for packed lunches.

**Special Arrangements**

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