

## Creative Education UK School Shows – FAQs

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- **How much does a show cost?** Each show is charged at £235 (2019/20) / WWI show charged at £320.
- **What are the travel charges?** There is a 20 miles round trip travel allowance. Travel charges are then applicable and are charged per mile. expenses are charged at £0.45 per mile thereafter. Additional expenses such as motorway tolls and parking costs are also chargeable.
- **How do we pay you?** Balance payable by cheque collection from school on the day of the show or BACS transfer – BACS transfers must be actioned the day prior to the visit, and payments must reach our account no later than three working days after the visit. The school will be invoiced by email the week prior to the show date.
  
- **How long are the shows?** Show lengths vary, but on average History Shows run between 1hr 10 mins – 1hr 30 mins and Story Shows between 1hr – 1hr 15 mins.
- **How many shows are possible in a day?** Two shows in a school day. This can be two shows in a morning, or one in the morning and one in the afternoon, dependent on your school day timings and your hall/performance space availability across the day.
- **Are there a maximum number of children that can watch the show?** There is no limit on the number of children that can watch a show, however, whilst all shows have some involvement with all the children, only a number will participate 'on stage' – so with a larger audience the percentage of children 'on stage' is therefore lower. We would recommend booking more than one of the same show in these instances.
- **Are there a minimum number of children that can watch the show?** Due to the interactive nature of the shows a minimum audience of at least 20-30 are required for most shows to run effectively.
- **Are all the children involved in the show?** All the children are involved in songs and dances, and the nature of the show is very audience interactive throughout. Some children will be chosen to join the performer 'on stage' and become part of the action; this varies between 10-20 children per show.
  
- **What time will you arrive to set-up the show?** For morning shows arrival will be 7.30-7.45am. If you can please ensure the school caretaker and/or office staff are aware of the arrival time and so can direct the performer to the parking and performance area accordingly. For afternoon shows arrival will be 12.45/1pm depending on your school lunchtime.
- **How long does it take you to set-up a show?** 30-60 minutes dependent on the show.
- **How long do you need after the show to get-out?** 30 minutes is required to get-out after a show.
  
- **What does the school need to provide?**
  - Performance Space:** This will preferably be your school hall, or similar large space such as theatre or studio. Access to the hall is required at least 1 hour before the show start time to enable set-up. Please can any before school club for morning shows, and dinner ladies for afternoon shows, be made aware of the need to access a clear area of the hall for set-up.
  - Parking:** The school agrees to provide and reserve (by cones if possible) an appropriate parking as close to the entrance to the performance space as possible.
  - Furniture:** Use of either 2-3 school benches or 12-14 chairs for use during the show and 1-2 tables. The Pirates show requires use of five gym mats.
  - Equipment:** Safe access to plug sockets. For some shows use of the school projector may be required. This will be discussed prior to your visit.
  
- **Show Health & Safety:**
  - The WWI / WWII / Explorers Show all use a smoke machine and strobe lighting effects in parts. Please note this for any children/staff who are sensitive to flashing lights. Smoke machine should not set off fire alarms but if caretaker can please be made aware prior to the visit.
  - Props are used by some of the children in the shows such as wooden or foam swords. Instruction will be given on their use to the children. Creative Education UK accept no responsibility for subsequent misuse by any child.