



A Visual Story for Family Day visits



The Science Oxford Centre is in Headington, Oxford.



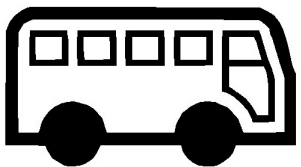
If I live nearby, I can walk there...



...or I can travel by bicycle



If I do not live nearby, I can travel by car and park nearby
or outside the Centre



I can take the bus too, but I will have to walk a little while to
get there afterwards.





This is the entrance on
Quarry Road.

We will be careful on the road.
There could be cars coming the
other way.



We must stay close to the left side of the road.

There might be leaves and mud on the ground. They can be slippery to walk on.

There are speed bumps in the road. We will drive or cycle slowly over them.



There are houses at the bottom of the hill.

We will turn right and follow the arrow up the hill.

The hill is a bit steep to walk up.



This is the entrance to the car park.

There is a red and white barrier at the top of the hill.

On weekends, the barrier will be open for us.

On weekdays, we may need to speak to someone at reception, using the red intercom box on the right.



There are disabled car parking spaces if we need them.



We can park our bicycles here too.



We might see this gate in the Car Park.

This woodland entrance might be locked, because it is only used by school groups.

To visit the woodland, we should first check-in at reception. The staff inside will show us which way to go.



This is the entrance to the building.

The Ohm statue is outside.

The Science Oxford Centre is inside.



Before we go inside, we should clean our hands with hand sanitiser.

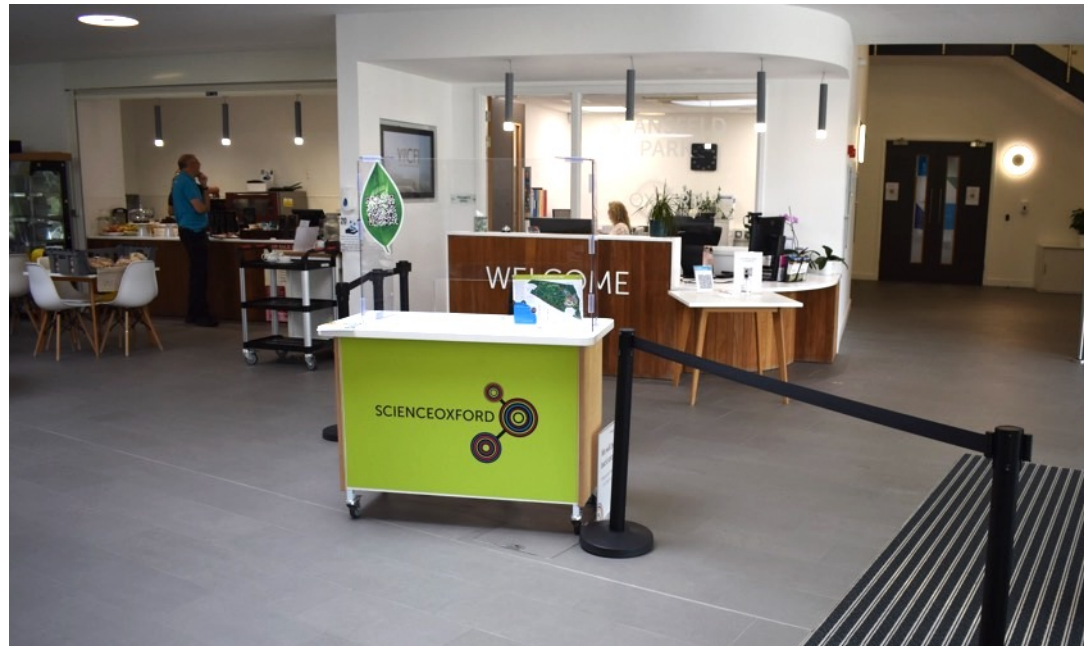
Hand sanitiser feels cold and wet, and sometimes smells like chemicals.

If the door is closed, we can push the button to open it.



This is the lobby and check-in desk.

Someone from Science Oxford
will meet us here.



There might be other people in the
lobby, and sometimes it smells of
food when the café is open.

We can eat and drink here.



Staff will be wearing a Science Oxford top – it might be **blue**, **green**, **pink** or **black**.

They may also be wearing a visor or a face mask, to keep everyone safe.

We will check-in by telling them our name.

Here are some of the people that we might meet:



Emily



Daniel



Kat



Alice



Roger



Bridget



Andy



Sarah



This is the way to the
Science Oxford Centre.

The Exploration Zone is through the
green doors. The doors will be
open when it is time to go in.
We must only enter the Exploration
Zone during the session we have
booked.

In this corridor, there are toilets,
lockers and a water fountain to use
before we go into the
Exploration Zone.



All of the toilets are
gender-neutral.
We can use any of them.

The hand-driers are quite loud
and noisy.

They turn on automatically,
but we can ask the staff to
turn them off for us.



There is a disabled access
toilet and a baby-changing
room too.

This is the Exploration Zone.

We can play with and explore all the exhibits in this room.



When we visit, the exhibits might be in a different order to the picture.

In here, we should not run or shout, and we must not eat or drink.



There are lots of different exhibits to explore.

This one can be quite noisy and it might blow air at us.

Some of the scarves and balls could be on the floor.

We might share this exhibit with other people whilst we play.



This one is also noisy and blows air when we press the button on the hand drier.

We can feel the difference between the two metal hand shapes too.



At this one, we can play
on our own, or with
somebody else on the
other side.

All of the objects look
and feel different.

They are fun to touch.



There are two toilets in the Exploration Zone.

They have green doors.

This is the way to the exit and outdoor area too.



When we are outside, we can sit at the tables under the canopy.

We can eat or have a drink here.

There might be blue coat racks to put our belongings on too.



During the Winter, this area has extra walls to keep us warm and dry.

We can still eat outside and use the toilets here, we just might want to keep our coat on too!

There are doors in the grey walls, so we can still visit the woodland and ponds.



Outside, there are three toilets, a water fountain, rubbish bins and hand-washing sinks.



One of the toilets has full disabled access and washing facilities.



When we are outside, we might experiment at the Water Lab.

It is only open between March-October.

We might need to share the equipment with other people.

We could get wet, so we should bring a change of clothes, just in case.



To visit the ponds, we can follow this path.

Wheelchairs and push-chairs can follow this path.



There are bridges, piers and walkways that go over the pond.

We can walk on them.

We can listen and look for wildlife in or near the water.



We should not put anything in the pond, because it could harm the wildlife.



To visit the woods, we
can follow this path.

Wheelchairs and push-
chairs can follow this
path.

The path is made from
rocks, and it is a bit
uneven.



We can follow the woodland trails.

We can take a printed map with us, or look at the sign at the start of the woods.



There are three trails:
pink, green and blue.

We can follow the
coloured arrows along
the way.





The rocky path ends at the
Viewing Point and
Amphitheatre.

Wheelchairs and push-chairs
cannot go further than this.

To walk the trails, we can follow
the arrows and turn left.



We can see the ponds from
the Viewing Point.

We might see or hear
wildlife here.



We can sit down at the
Amphitheatre.

We can eat or drink here,
but we must take our
rubbish with us.

As we walk along the trails, we might find
steps and bridges.

We can hold on to the wooden rails if we need.





The woodland trails might be grassy or muddy or covered with leaves and sticks.

If it is wet and rainy, we should bring wellies or walking shoes.

If we find animals or insects, we must be kind and leave them in the woods.



When it is time to go, we can leave using this gate.

If it is closed, we need to press the green 'exit' button to open it.

We can wash our hands or use hand sanitiser on the way out.



If there is an emergency, we may need to evacuate the Science Oxford Centre.

If an alarm sounds, we will calmly follow a staff member wearing a high visibility jacket and exit the building.

The Assembly Point is in the car park near the woodland gateway that says "Explore Discover Play"