

**HASTINGS
WHITE ROCK
THEATRE**

VISUAL STORY

This Visual Story is provided as an aid for children and adults with an Autism Spectrum Condition.

We hope to assist in the preparation for a visit to the theatre and to familiarize customers with new surroundings prior to their visit.

Please let us know when booking tickets, if you have any special; requirements.

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My visit to the White Rock Theatre

I am going with _____ to see _____ at The White Rock Theatre in Hastings



Seeing a show is a lot like seeing something on TV, or a movie. But the people in a show are right there on the stage, they are called actors.

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When I get to the theatre I will enter the Foyer and see the Ticket Office & the Kiosk, along with a lot of posters. They will look like this:



We may have to stand in line to collect our tickets. I will stand nicely and quietly while we wait. The person at the desk will tell us where we will go when the show is going to start.

Before the show starts I might need to use the toilet. There will be signs to the toilets and I can either go upstairs or downstairs. I can ask an Usher for help if I need to.



I might want to eat something in the Cafe. There will be signs directing me to the Cafe on the top floor. I can either take the stairs or use the lift. If I want to buy something, I can ask. If I want to sit down whilst I wait to go into the auditorium, I can ask. I will sit and wait nicely.



When the Usher's tell us, we will be able to go inside the Auditorium and find our seats. We will have to show our ticket to the Usher.



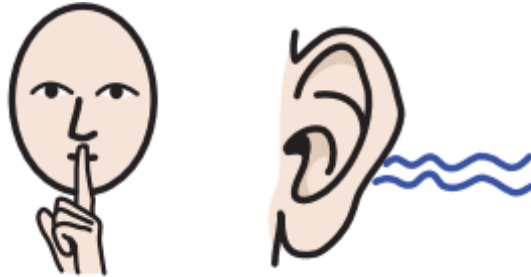
The theatre is very big. There are lots of seats in the theatre. My ticket will have my seat number on it. Once inside the Auditorium I will be able to find my seat. If I have difficulty I can ask a member of staff to help me. It is not a choice.



When we get to our seats, I will sit nicely. I will sit in a booster seat if I need one to see the show.



When it is time for the show to start, someone will ask everyone to turn off their phones. The theatre will get darker and everyone will get quiet. I will try to be as quiet as I can during the show so that I can hear everything.



When the show starts, it might be loud. If it is too loud, I can cover my ears or wear my headphones.



In the show I will see people called actors on stage. Some of the actors may be wearing costumes and makeup, like on Halloween.

If I feel afraid or nervous, I can cover my ears, or tell my parent or carer.



I will have a lot of fun at the show!

After a song or something funny, some people will clap.



Clapping is nice because it tells the actors you liked their song or acting. If I want to clap, I can. I don't have to clap if I don't want to. If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears or wear my headphones.

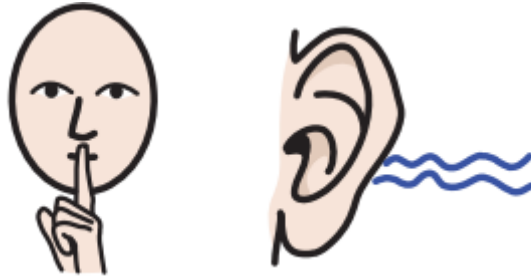


In the middle of the show, we might have a break. This break is called an interval. During the break, many people will stand up to go get a drink or use the bathroom. If I want to, I can ask for a snack or a drink.

I can ask to use the toilet if I need to and I might see the ushers selling drinks and ice creams in the theatre. I can ask if I want an ice cream.

There will be a bell to signal the end of the interval. This means it is time for me to return to my seat to see the rest of the show.

After the break, everyone will come back and sit down in their seats again. It will get darker and quieter just like at the beginning of the show. The actors will come back on stage and continue with the show.



At the end of the show, all the actors will come out on stage. This is called a curtain call. Many people will clap a lot so the actors know how much they liked the show.



After the show is over, we will go back outside the theatre. There will be a lot of people. If I want to wait for the crowd to get smaller I can wait in my seat. I will wait nicely and quietly. I may need to stand up to let other people past.

Enjoy the show!