



FOOTPLATE EXPERIENCE/DRIVER COURSE - TERMS & CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

Due to the confined environment of our locomotives, we must take into consideration the height and physical build of anyone wishing to participate in a Footplate Experience/Driver Course at the Kirklees Light Railway. Please do mention at the time of booking if you are unsure whether the height and/or physical build of the participant may pose an issue and our office team can advise you.

Footplate Experience participants must be at least 16 years of age and in reasonable health in order to ensure their safety and the safety of the driver.

Driver Course participants must be at least 18 years of age and in reasonable health in order to ensure their safety and the safety of the driver.

At the time of booking, please ensure you disclose any issues relating to: mobility, concentration, dexterity, coordination, back problems, skin problems, general fitness, breathing and/or respiratory problems. Participants should:

- Be reasonably fit with good eyesight and hearing and possess full use of both hands
- Be able to climb into and out of a locomotive cab safely
- Be able to withstand a locomotives hard ride and an area that is hot and noisy with coal dust and ash blowing around. Those with heart, respiratory or back problems may find the experience difficult and are advised to seek medical advice before booking
- Be able to understand the safety procedures on and about the locomotive, which will be given to them at the start of the experience, to retain that information and be able to react positively to it during the experience
- Be able to read (with glasses or contact lenses if necessary) a car number plate from a distance of 20m
- Be free from alcohol and drugs which may affect alertness and/or cause drowsiness
- **As a guideline, in cases where there is doubt as to a person's ability to meet these criteria, the holding of a current driving licence will usually satisfy this requirement**

Applications from persons with learning difficulties are acceptable providing the person for whom the course is made meets the above criteria and can safely undertake footplate work. Due to the restricted size of our locomotive footplates, helpers and/or carers cannot be accommodated on the footplate.

It may be necessary for the railway to refuse a participant on the day of the course if the information provided is found to be inaccurate or health-related concerns have not been disclosed beforehand.

Participants require overalls or warm clothing, strong, enclosed shoes or boots (no trainers) and a coat or jacket. We will provide heavy duty gloves but you are welcome to bring your own. Strictly no shorts or tracksuits bottoms. Please be aware that your clothes are likely to get very dirty so we strongly recommend that you don't come along in your cricket whites or Sunday best!

The Kirklees Light Railway reserves the right to terminate, without refund, your Footplate Experience/Driver Course if it is deemed unsafe (by the Responsible Officer or General Manager) on the day for the participant to take part.