

The Whitechapel Gallery and its archive are committed to the safety and wellbeing of visitors and staff. To ensure that the safety and security of everyone is prioritised, we are implementing changes throughout the Gallery and the running of the Archive and Foyle Reading Room through administrative controls and through the use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). All processes will be continually reviewed and adapted according to government safety directives to ensure your peace of mind.

Physical Adaptations:

We are offering two time slots per day for archive visitors to limit capacity and interaction. Please book an appointment and order documents in advance.

Thermal scanners have been installed at the Gallery's entrance in order to check the temperatures of all staff and visitors without close contact. Should your temperature be identified as too high (above 37.3C), we will regrettably have to deny entry into the Gallery to avoid risk of transmission.*

We have created one entrance and one exit to the Gallery to facilitate social distancing.

We are limiting the number of people using the lift at any one time.

We are limiting staff in public areas and office spaces.

Administrative Controls:

The number of visitors and staff to the reading room will be limited to allow two meter distance at all times.

Archival materials and books used by archive visitors will be quarantined according to safety standards before they are re-shelved or made available for use again.

The number of staff handling the documents ordered in advance will be limited to two in order to reduce the risk of contamination.

Anti-viral products and hand sanitiser dispensers are stationed through out the Gallery and in the Foyle Reading Room.

All surfaces in the reading room and repository will be cleaned before and after every use.

PPE in the gallery and the reading room:

Visitors and staff have to wear face masks at all time in all areas of the Gallery.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon,

Whitechapel Gallery Archive

*No personally identifiable information is captured or recorded by the thermal scanner.