PREPARING FOR YOUR MUSEUM VISIT
Look at this colourful building!

This is the **BUHLER WELCOME CENTRE** and it is how you get in and out of the Manitoba Children’s Museum. We can’t wait to meet you!

The museum can get pretty loud and bright. You might want to wear ear defenders to block out some of the noise. If you need ear defenders or sunglasses, just ask a staff person and they will get these for you.
Here is the **ADMISSIONS DESK** where each person lines up to buy a ticket to get in to the museum. Sometimes this is a very busy and loud place to stand and wait.

Everyone is excited to get a ticket!
This is the place to stand while you wait to enter the museum. Many schools meet in groups here so that they can visit the museum together as a class.
People sometimes like to buy small toys, gifts, and snacks at SHOP, our museum’s store. Ask your parent or the adult you are with if you have time to visit this part of the museum.

If you don’t have time, you can always come back another day!
See the STAR TRAIL on the floor? This takes you to the different galleries and other rooms in the museum.

When you follow the star trail, you will find different quieter rooms that are called the BLUE ROOM, the GREEN ROOM, or the RED ROOM.

Ask an adult to take you to one of these rooms if you need a break.
This is the **LOCKER & COATROOM** area. This is where people can hang up jackets, put away shoes and boots, and keep backpacks.

If you want to use a locker, please bring a loonie!
This is called the **LUNCH BOX** area where people eat their snacks and lunches. It is a nice place to sit down and rest.
This is a SAFETY ALERT sign to help people understand the rules of each gallery.

Please ask your parent or an adult to read these before entering.
Do you have questions? Do you need help? Look for people wearing a **GREEN SHIRT** or **GREEN JACKET** with a museum name tag, and they will help you.

They can also help you to get a bandage or some first aid if you need it.
MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS are people who help the visitors enjoy the museum. Look for the people in blue aprons with name tags if you have questions.
Did you know that there are twelve **GALLERIES** or ‘stations’ at the Children’s Museum?

Sometimes areas in the museum need to be fixed, so certain galleries may be closed for a few days and will re-open soon.
The **TOT SPOT** gallery is only for babies and toddlers.

If you are over 2 years old, please play in the other galleries and save this one for the little ones. This keeps everyone safe and happy.
MUSEUM GALLERIES

If you’re interested in learning more about the museum’s twelve GALLERIES, we have a separate GALLERY GUIDE you can read!

Find the GALLERY GUIDE on childrensmuseum.com.
WASHROOMS

Time for a WASHROOM break?

Find the first set of washrooms near the Lunch Box area.

Boys go in the BLUE door. Girls go in the PINK door.

There is also a Family Washroom beside the boys’ washroom.

To find the second set of washrooms, just follow the STAR TRAIL.
Playing and learning at the museum makes people thirsty! If you need a drink of water, there are **WATER FOUNTAINS** close to both sets of washrooms.
This room is called the **NURSING ROOM**. This is where hungry babies can be fed in a quiet place.
Enjoy your visit to the CHILDREN’S MUSEUM.

We hope to see you again soon!
Please:

1) Walk at all times.
2) Stay together with your group.
3) Share and take turns.
4) The Tot Spot is only for babies and toddlers.
5) Look at the posters and signs in the museum for new rules.
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