



Peterborough Museum  
& Art Gallery

# The Victorian Doctor

## Upper KS2: History

**From 1857 to 1928, the museum building was Peterborough Infirmary, the first hospital in the city.**

During this period of enormous advancement in medical practice, Peterborough Infirmary was housed in what is now Peterborough Museum. As a training hospital and with pioneering medical staff, the Infirmary was at the forefront of these advancements. Victorian life is fascinating to explore through the topic of medicine. In this activity, pupils travel back in time to 1901 and meet either Dr Jex-Blake (one of the first female doctors of her time) or Dr Walker who are out on call to your school.

### Learning Objectives

- To learn about the changes in medical
- the impact of medical achievements of certain individuals: Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell, Joseph Lister, Alfred C Taylor.
- To gain an understanding of aspects of Victorian and how it compares to today

We imagine it is 1901 and the doctor has been called out to your school to see some children with different Victorian ailments. Pupils are given symptoms of Victorian ailments and then discover if and how they would have been treated. What modern, Victorian medical practice will they administer and how does this compare with times past and future? As the doctor works through the 'patients', there are opportunities to handle real artefacts from this period.

### Links to National Curriculum

- Lives of significant individuals
- Significant places in their locality
- Similarities and differences between ways of life now and in the past

### You may also like:

- **Victorian Medicine Museum session**
- **History of Medicine** : Roman, Tudor and Victorian Medicine
- **Other Upper KS2 sessions:** WW2: 10<sup>th</sup> May 1941, Tudors, Evidence for Evolution, Anglo-Saxons

### Key Information:

**Duration:** Up to 45 minutes  
**Cost:** £160: one group  
 £250: two groups  
 £340: three groups  
 £380: four groups  
 Plus travel expenses.  
 Prices exc. VAT

**Max Class Size:** 35

### Booking Process & Questions:

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When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment are emailed to you.

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