

seven stories

The National Centre for Children's Books

Social Story

Visual Building Guide 2025

**This is the entrance to
Seven Stories,
the National Centre for
Children's Books.**





**If you need, you can park your bike right outside.
There are also Blue Badge parking spots very
close by.**





You enter Seven Stories on Level 3 and will be greeted by a friendly face at the Box Office. This person can help you with any questions about what's on, where to go and how to book workshops, activities and storytimes.

Sometimes the Box Office also make tannoy announcements, these can be heard around the building and are loud enough for all visitors to hear.





On Level 3 you can go ahead to The Annexe or right towards the lift, staircase, Coffee Shop and the Bookshop.





The Coffee Shop and Bookshop are both on Level 3. When the building is busy this room can get very noisy!

There are always staff who can help with dietary requirements, high chairs and accessibility. If you'd like to buy a book you can pay at the Coffee Shop till, this is also a donation point.



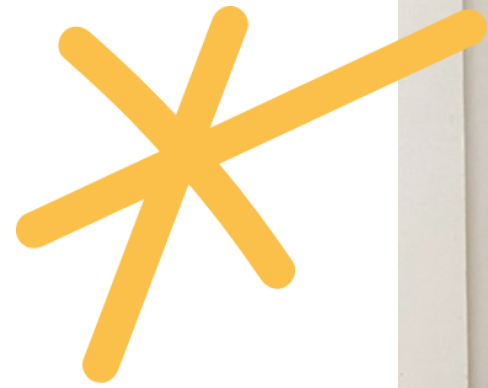


**In the Coffee Shop there are lots of noisy items.
You might hear music playing as well as the
coffee machine steaming, plates being stacked,
fridges buzzing and staff radios chatting.**



**To go to other levels,
you can use our spiral
staircase or the lift.**

We have seven floors!





On Level 1 you will find the Wordlab, sometimes there are crafts happening in here. There are also toilets including an accessible toilet on Level 1.



Here are the Level 1 toilets. The accessible toilet is at the end of the corridor, it has lots of space, handles, rests, and a changing area.





On Level 2 there are more toilets and a room that you might use if you are visiting with school or attending a birthday party.





In the Level 2 lunch room you will see there is a small kitchen where the chefs make cakes for the café! Sometimes the dishwasher can be quite noisy in this kitchen.

We also have air con, if this gets too cold please ask a member of staff and we can turn this off for you.





On Level 4 there are two rooms; the Gallery and the Story Station. The Gallery is full of fun things to draw, read and dress up in, it is quite a big room! The Story Station has books and seating, with big bright windows.





On Level 5 you will find another large gallery, this one changes every few months. You may remember exhibitions such as 'I Wonder' and 'Elmer & Friends' visiting here.





Level 6 has two galleries and an accessible toilet, all on one corridor. Across the building you will see there are lots of cupboards and doors for staff only.





The first gallery you will find on Level 6 is Mog, the Forgetful Cat and at the end of the corridor is the accessible toilet.

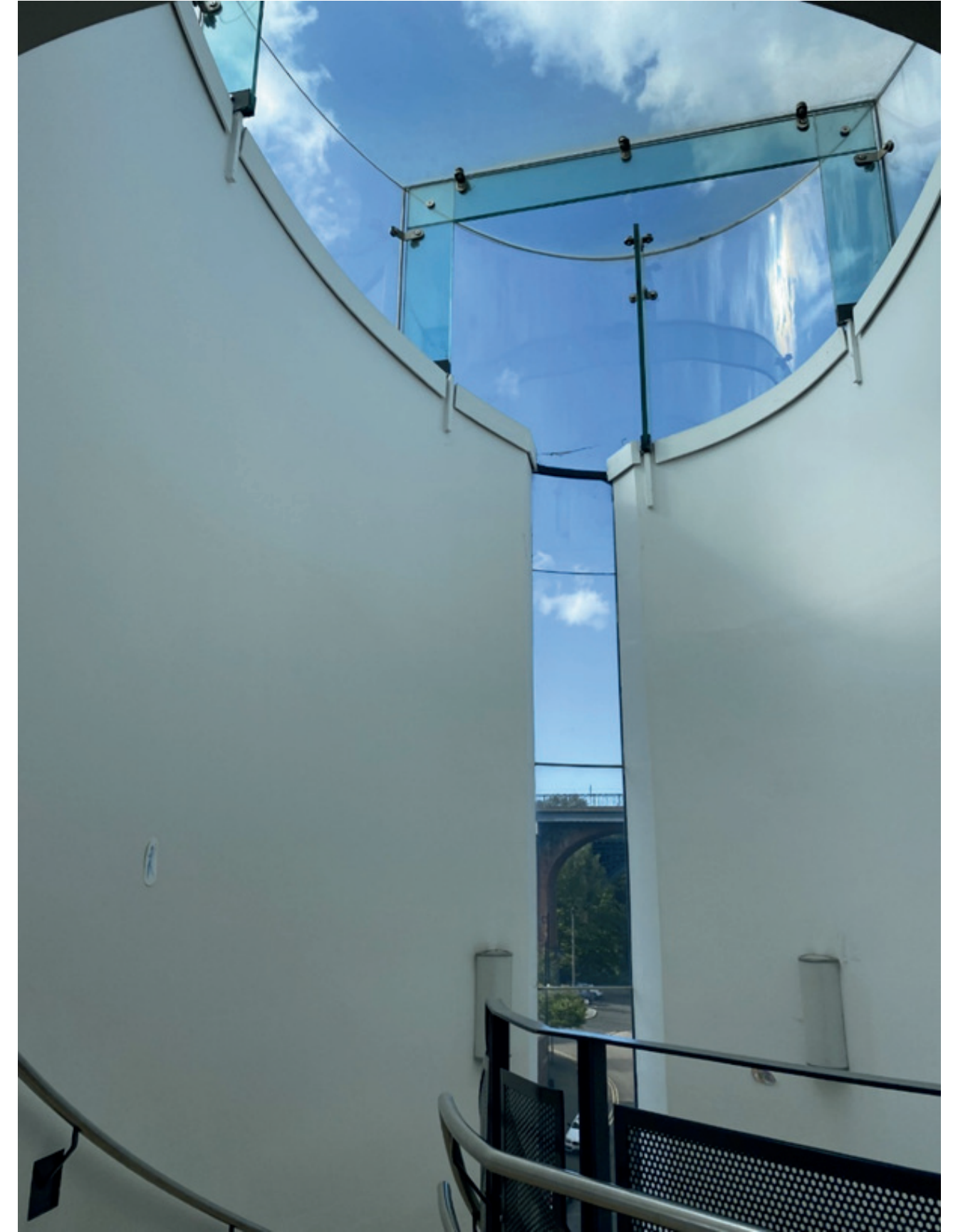


The second gallery on Level 6 is where you can find The Tiger Who Came To Tea. In this room there is also a large TV playing videos with music and subtitled stories.





Level 7 is the top floor at Seven Stories and you can see right through the glass roof at the top of the stairs! On this floor is the Attic, you will visit this room if you are on a school visit.



Here is the amazing Attic! Sometimes we have props, costumes and equipment ready behind the curtain. If you'd like to have a look please ask a member of staff. There is also an accessible toilet on this floor.



Leaving the building



When you are ready to leave, you must make your way back to Level 3, where you arrived. If you hear an alarm or tannoy announcement asking you to leave, members of staff will help you to calmly find the nearest exit. There are also green signs above the doors that will help. In the case of an evacuation we would gather on the grass by the large chimney.



If you need more information about your visit, you can have a look at our website here:

<https://sevenstories.org.uk/plan-your-visit/>

If you need any more information about accessibility please email info@sevenstories.org.uk

If you need more information about an educational visit please email learning@sevenstories.org.uk

**Thank you &
enjoy your visit!**

