

## Rippon Lea – education program



Social Script – for the families and teachers of students visiting Rippon Lea Estate that are on the Autism Spectrum.

# What is Rippon Lea?

Rippon Lea is a big house that was built in the olden days, and it used to be where the Sargood family lived. No one lives there anymore. Now Rippon Lea is a place where people come and learn about history. The house has lots of old-fashioned objects in it, but I'm not allowed to touch them.





# Arrival

When we arrive at Rippon Lea, I will wait until the teacher says to get off the bus. I will make sure to stand back from Hotham Street, it might be loud, I might be able to hear cars.

I will follow my guides up the path to the house.



# The Guides

The guides will be dressed in a costume that is from the olden days. The guides aren't really from the olden days, they are pretending.





# Snack and lunch

The guides will show us where to put our bags and where we will have snack and lunch. I will put my rubbish back in my bag when I am finished eating.



# Toilets

The guides will show us where the toilets are.

I must ask a teacher before going to the toilet.

I might have to wait if someone is already in the toilet.

There are hand driers in the toilet, they might be loud.





# Creature Catcher

We will explore the garden; it might be sunny, or it might be raining.

When I do the Creature Catcher activity, I will always stay with my adult. I will walk carefully.

I will make sure to share with my friends, so everyone can have a go.





# Old fashioned games

When we play old fashioned games, I will listen to the rules.

I might not get to play the game I want first. I will wait my turn.

I will be careful with the equipment.





# House tour

Inside the house there is a lot of rooms like a living room that they call a drawing room.

When I go inside Rippon Lea, I will keep my hands to myself and not touch anything.

I will use my inside voice.

If I have a question, I will put my hand up.

We will explore the rooms downstairs and upstairs.



# Servants' chores

When we do the servants laundry my hands might get wet and cold.

I will listen carefully to the guide.





# The kitchen

We will also get to see the old-fashioned kitchen. I won't touch anything because it might break.



# Leaving

When it is time to leave, I will take my bag and my rubbish with me.

I will listen to my teacher and walk back down to the bus the same way we got here.

