PREPARATION FOR A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL IN SOBIBÓR (MMPS)

Students must be at least 14 years old (8th grade of primary school) to participate in MMPS educational activities.

BEFORE BOOKING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Ensure all students wish to visit MMPS and are emotionally prepared.
- Determine which topic and type of activity will best suit their needs.
- Review the descriptions and durations of individual activities to select the best option for your group.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Activities include, among other things, visiting the permanent exhibition and the memorial site grounds, which involves being outdoors and walking about 2 km. Be prepared for changing weather conditions; ask students to bring water and a snack for the break.
- Visiting the permanent exhibition and the memorial grounds takes about 1.5 hours.
- If your group includes people with disabilities or special needs, please inform us in advance so we can adapt the visit plan for all participants.
- At the memorial site, you may commemorate the victims of the German death camp in Sobibór by laying flowers or lighting candles. Please inform us, and we will indicate the designated areas.

BEFORE THE PLANNED VISIT

- Meet with students to discuss the nature and specifics of MMPS, including appropriate behaviour (eating and chewing gum are prohibited during the visit).
- Present a clear plan and purpose for the visit.
- Discuss their expectations and ideas about the visit.
- Introduce the topic of World War II and the Holocaust, outlining the general historical context.
- Prepare them for the potential emotional impact.
- Inform students of the need to dress appropriately for the nature of the site and current weather conditions.

- Do not use phones; ensure they are silenced. Photography is permitted only with the agreement of the museum educator and outside the core educational part of the visit.

DURING THE VISIT

- Inform us as soon as possible of any delays or changes to the duration of activities.
- Allow us to lead; we will do our best to ensure your visit is educationally valuable and runs smoothly.
- Help us create an environment where students:
    - freely share their thoughts,
    - do not feel pressured or rushed,
    - do not feel judged,
    - have time to express themselves,
    - are not spoken for – please do not answer questions on their behalf.
- Remain with the group at all times, even if this is not your first visit.

AFTER THE VISIT

After a few days, meet with students to discuss their reflections and impressions from the visit to MMPS. You may use the following questions:

- What did you gain from this visit?
- Was it worthwhile visiting MMPS?
- Did the visit meet your expectations?
- What emotions and feelings did you experience during the visit?
- Which moment had the greatest impact on you?
- Did anything surprise you or differ from your expectations?
- How did this visit influence your view of history?

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

We would be pleased to hear your group's impressions and reflections after the visit. If you would like to share them, please contact us by phone on (+48) 82 572 60 31 or email: centrum@sobibor-memorial.eu.