Social Narrative

A Visit to the New York Transit Museum

We are going to the New York Transit Museum. In the Museum, we can learn about New York City transit.

When we arrive, we will meet our Museum Educator outside and see steps that lead us underground. The Museum is an old subway station and looks like a station we would see today.
If someone in our group is unable to walk down the stairs, we may go to a different entrance where there is a wheelchair lift.

Our Museum Educator will lead us into the Museum and will show us around. We will listen and learn about New York City transit. We can ask questions and share ideas about what we see.
When we are in the Museum, we will wear face masks like the Museum Educator. Other visitors may or may not be wearing face masks.

We will stay with our group when we walk through the Museum.

We may see other Transit Museum staff or a security officer. They make sure the Museum and visitors are safe.
If we want quieting headphones, we can ask our Museum Educator.

On our tour we might go to the Steel, Stone, and Backbone exhibit. In this exhibit we can learn about how the subway was built in New York City. The room is narrow with old pictures and objects. We may hear a sound of a pretend explosion.
We might walk through old subway turnstiles and learn about subway tokens.

We might go to the back of the Museum and learn about buses and horsecars.
We will go downstairs to the subway platform and walk into old train cars. We can sit on the train cars, and we will be gentle when touching the train cars.

We will remember that this is a working train station, even though the train cars will not move. We need to be careful on the platform and stay away from the tracks. We will be safe and remember to walk.

We may hear a bell ring from an old wooden train car.
We will not eat in the Museum. We can have a sip of water if we get thirsty.

Sometimes the Museum can be loud if there are a lot of people. If we need a break, we can let the Museum Educator or our teacher know.
We might walk through the red and green turnstiles when we are getting ready to leave.

When the tour is over, our Museum Educator will walk us to the stairs. We will say good-bye and leave the Museum.