

# **DARTFORD** **ORCHARD THEATRE**

## **VISUAL STORY**

**This Visual Story is provided as an aid for children and adults with an Autism Spectrum Condition.**

**We hope to assist in the preparation for a visit to the theatre and to familiarise customers with new surroundings prior to their visit.**

Please let us know when booking tickets if you have any special requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns before, during or after your visit, please ask a member of staff using one of the methods below:

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Welcome to The Orchard Theatre,  
Dartford.

The Orchard is a big building near  
to the train station.



There is a ramp at the side of the  
building for easier access, if  
required.

Inside the front doors, is our  
main foyer.

Here you will see the Ticket  
Office to your right, where you  
can buy tickets for shows.



There is a Coffee Shop and  
Sweet Shop where you can buy  
drinks and snacks.



You will see lots of Ushers in black shirts. They are here to help you if you need to ask any questions.

The Ushers will take your ticket when you go into the theatre.



About 30 minutes before the start time, the doors to the auditorium will be opened. You can go in and sit down if you like.



If you need to use the toilet, follow the signs or ask an Usher for directions.



This is a picture of inside the theatre. This is a large room which will be full of lots of other people.

You will sit in your seat and everyone will be still and quiet to watch the show.

When the show starts, the lights will go out and it will be dark. Some people will make noise or clap their hands. This is fine.

During the show you might see something that makes you laugh or something that makes you feel sad. This is ok.

There might be an interval in the middle of the show when the lights come up and the actors have a break. You can use this time to go to the toilet or buy a snack.

At the end of the show everyone will clap their hands. This tells the actors that you have enjoyed the show. Everyone will get up and leave the theatre.

**We hope you have a great time when you visit The Orchard Theatre.**