

Object Box Handling Guidelines

Every artefact in the Object Box has been made available to examine and touch, however, it is still important to follow the subsequent good housekeeping rules as a preventative measure against damage.

- Always use two hands wherever possible to pick up an object. Support the object underneath with one hand.
- Never pick up an object by the thinnest, most delicate areas; for example, handles, rims and knobs. Always pick up by the most robust areas, removing any loose items such as lids beforehand and move them separately.
- Never use pens around the artefacts. Prevent any undue marking and keep writing and drawing implements away from the artefact whilst handling.
- Jewellery worn by the handler, such as rings, loose bangles and watches are likely to damage artefacts so such items ideally should be removed first, or extra care should be taken to prevent any physical damage.
- Some of the objects are very old and can easily be damaged by grease, chemicals and light. Please do not clean them with alcohol wipes, fix adhesives such as sellotape and labels to them, or leave them in bright sunlight.

Please report any damages to learning@leicester.gov.uk and please do not attempt to repair anything yourself.

We hope that you enjoy the objects in the box.