

How to find

Sans Walk Spoken Word Studio / Strathmore Publishing

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Sans Walk is the studio company; Strathmore Publishing is the production company.

The studio is deliberately low profile, so signage is only for Strathmore.



General; how to find us within the building

The offices of Strathmore and the Sans Walk Studio are in the basement of a big Victorian school in a walled yard, now called Kingsway Place. 'Kingsway Place' is a building, not a street name. On older *A to Zs* the site is marked 'Museum', since the school is on the site of the Clerkenwell House of Detention, some of the old cells of which (now under the car park) were for a while open as a tourist attraction. Kingsway Place is just beginning to appear in newer *A to Zs*, but mostly, look for 'Sans Walk'.

When you get to the entrance gates in Sans Walk, press 41 (4-1-CALL) on the intercom on the railings on the left. Once inside make your way to the left, between the main building and the one on the left with a glass upper storey like a signal box.

Immediately right, between the front and back wings of the building, is a small courtyard. One wall has two doors in it with “Girls” and “Infants” over them! In the opposite wall, next to the bicycle rack, is a door with another intercom to ring (and no legend above).

When you come through the door there are signs directing you downstairs to Strathmore Publishing. You will go through glass doors and a small courtyard at lower ground level and through two more doors into a wide passage; the Strathmore office/reception is up a short flight of wooden stairs to the left. That is also the reception for Sans Walk studio, which is two doors up the corridor.

It’s not actually as complicated as these directions make it seem!

Coming by train and tube

From Farringdon Station (Thameslink, or Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith and City lines on the Underground) turn left out of the station and take the first left (after 20m) onto Turnmill Street.

At the top of Turnmill Street (200m) cross over Clerkenwell Road at the pedestrian lights, bear right along this road and take the first left (20 metres) onto Clerkenwell Green. Walk diagonally across the Green towards a garden enclosed by a wrought iron fence. This is the churchyard of St James, Clerkenwell.

Go up Sekforde Street for 20m, then half-left into St James’s Walk, which runs alongside the east side of the churchyard. The top of this street forms a T-junction with Sans Walk, and the entrance to Kingsway Place is at the junction of the two streets – you’ll see Kingsway Place from the moment you enter St James’s Walk.

Coming by car

Strathmore/Sans Walk has two parking spaces in the yard of Kingsway Place, which may be booked by a phone call to the office on 020 7324 0100. The only vehicle approach, because of one-way systems, is from Clerkenwell Green and up St James’s Walk (if coming from the east, you can turn into Aylesbury Street from St John Street, and then sharp right into Sekforde Street). If coming from the north, go south to the Green first, since the one-way systems preclude the apparently obvious routes.)

If there is no porter on the gate, you will need to contact the office on arrival to get the vehicle gates opened. Spaces are numbered; please park only in the space we allocate you so as not to upset our neighbours.

Don’t forget that we are within the Congestion Charge zone (payment can be done online from the Studio greenroom).

Bus

Buses 55 (Oxford Circus, near John Lewis, to Hackney/Clapton) and 243 (Waterloo Station to Wood Green) both stop on Clerkenwell Road at St John’s Square; you can walk north through St John’s Passage to Aylesbury Street). Alternatively, 38 and 73 stop in Rosebery Avenue near Exmouth Market, only a little further away.