



Whole School Outings and Trips Policy

Please also refer to the **'Whole School Outings and Trips Procedures'**

Policy Statement:

As part of the School's commitment to an all-round education, it places a high value on educational visits and therefore a number are organised each year for pupils. These range from short, one-day visits for a whole class to a local site of interest, to language exchanges, overseas visits and sports tours.

Pupils' physical and moral safety is of paramount concern. The School accepts that visits and outdoor activities cannot be completely without risk but it requires that those staff in charge take all reasonable precautions to protect the health, safety and welfare of pupils, staff and other accompanying adults, and minimise the risk of untoward or dangerous situations (in accordance with DfE Guidance Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits).

Every effort will be made to ensure that School visits and activities are available and accessible to all who wish to participate, irrespective of special or medical needs, ethnic origin, gender or religion.

General Principles:

- The permission of parents will be sought with a Consent Form for any visit which takes their child out of School, except for local activities such as studies in Moulsoford, Church Services or community service visit to local hospitals and old people's homes. Permission for these is sought upon signature of the Acceptance Form when pupils join the School.
- For local, curriculum-based off-site trips or sporting fixtures which take pupils off-site during the school day or during PE lessons/afternoons, permission will be sought at the beginning of the academic year.
- For all non-local off-site day trips, overnight stays, residential trips or overseas trips, the School will seek further written consent for the pupil to participate and any cost to be added to the end of term bill.
- No pupil will be permitted to go on any visit or represent the School in a sporting fixture or an off-site trip without written parental consent.
- Visits which contribute to the curriculum will normally take place during school time. Other visits will normally take place during holidays.
- The safety and welfare of staff, adult supervisors and pupils will be of paramount concern on all visits.

- The School reserves the right to exclude a pupil from trips should there be known or recent conduct challenges or issues.
- When on a trip, especially an overseas or residential trip in the UK, the School reserves the right to send a pupil home if their behaviour/conduct is not appropriate. Any breaches of the 'Residential Trip Code of Conduct'/'Off-site Day Visits Code of Conduct', signed by pupils and parents prior to departure, may result in sanctions including those detailed in the '**Whole School Exclusions Policy and Procedures**'.

Responsibilities:

The Headmaster has overall responsibility for all education away from School premises and his permission is required for all off-site visits and expeditions.

The Senior Deputy Head is responsible for ensuring that:

- Correct planning procedures are followed;
- Appropriate Risk Assessments are completed and any control measures put in place;
- The Group Leader is competent to lead the planned visit;
- Supervision levels are appropriate to the planned activities;
- Child Protection measures are in place;
- Visits are planned sufficiently in advance and entered into the School calendar;
- Visits are co-ordinated to prevent clashes as far as possible;
- Group Leaders have completed all necessary paperwork;
- A member or members of the SLT is/are available as an emergency contact for all off-site trips which take place outside of normal School hours.

Group Leaders are required to ensure that:

- Their planning follows the procedure set out in the '**Whole School Outings and Trips Procedures**' document;
- Parental consent has been given for all pupils, including disclosure of medical requirements;
- Clarification is sought from the School Matron over any medical issues raised on a Consent Form and copies of a pupil's care plan are taken on the visit;
- Pupils' special needs and medical requirements are met and the details cascaded down to other relevant parties;
- Parents receive all relevant information (see '**Whole School Outings and Trips Procedures**' document for a full list);
- Appropriate Risk Assessments are completed and approved by the Headmaster and any control measures put in place sufficiently in advance of any outing or trip;
- Any adults accompanying residential visits have been DBS checked and their details included in the relevant section of the Single Central Register and other appropriate checks are carried out;
- A list of pupils/staff/adult helpers on the trip is left with the main School Office and the Senior Deputy Head (and with the SLT contact if the trip is running outside of normal School hours) as the trip departs. This list details who is travelling in which vehicle in the event that more than one coach/minibus is being used;

- He/she carries a School mobile telephone throughout their time on the School visit and the number is kept in the School Office and known to all designated staff, including those on the visit;
- Risks are assessed during the visit in the light of events or situations on the ground, including stopping the visit or activity if they think the risk to the health and safety of the pupils in their charge is unacceptable;
- Pupils are supervised throughout the visit in accordance with the agreed itinerary;
- In the case of residential trips, pupils have signed the relevant Code of Conduct for School Visits;
- Pupil welfare is safeguarded at all times in line with the School's **'Whole School Safeguarding (Including Child Protection) Policy and Procedures'**;
- They collect any medication required and first aid kit(s);
- At least one member of staff accompanying the trip has the appropriate first aid training.

Teachers and other adult supervisors are required to:

- Follow the instructions of the Group Leader and help with control and discipline;
- Do their best to ensure the health and safety of everyone in the group;
- Notify the Group Leader if concerned about the health or safety of pupils at any time during the visit;
- In the absence of the Group Leader, consider stopping the visit or the activity if they think the risk to the health or safety of the pupils in their charge is unacceptable;
- Familiarise themselves with the emergency procedures as set out in the **'Whole School Outings and Trips Procedures'**.

Parents are expected to:

- Provide to Group Leaders all relevant information (including medical information) which may be needed to protect the welfare of their child(ren);
- Provide accurate contact details to Group Leaders in case of emergency;
- Ensure that their child is provided with all necessary clothing, documentation (e.g. passports or visas) and medication (in original packaging) that may be needed for the visit.

Pupils are expected to:

- Follow the instructions of the Group Leader and other teachers or adult supervisors;
- Comply with the relevant Code of Conduct for School Visits throughout the visit;
- Do their best to ensure the health and safety of everyone in the group.

*This policy has been re-written from the original **'Whole School Outings and Trips Policy and Procedures'** document as a stand-alone policy.*

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