

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School




Our Mission Statement

“We grow together in God’s love as we pray, learn and play.”

Dyn ni’n tyfu gyda ‘n gilyddd mewn cariad Duw wrth i ni weddio, dysgu a chwarae.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS POLICY

This Policy was approved by the Governing Body on	11 th November 2024	The first policy was drawn up and ratified by the Governing Body	Signed: 
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The Governors and staff of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School acknowledge the great value of educational visits in broadening and enhancing both the learning and social experience of pupils. School visits form an important part of school life. All classes have regular sessions out into the community, either walking or using local transport. These visits support the curriculum, provide opportunities to generalise skills taught in the class, and give our pupils a wider experience of the world about them.

We understand that well planned and executed educational visits provide our pupils with valuable experiences which enhance their learning at school. Providing a variety of 'real-life' opportunities for our children enables them to achieve a fuller understanding of the world around them through direct experience.

These visits are to:

- Support and reinforce all areas of the curriculum and enhance and enrich contexts of work
- Develop independence skills e.g. road safety, shopping skills
- Encourage independence in the community
- Generalise skills in different contexts
- Generalise appropriate behaviour learned in school
- Widen our pupils experience of the world about them
- Promote inclusion by inviting mainstream peers when possible
- Attend specific events related to school projects, the Creative Arts etc

Summary Of Policy

This school/establishment follows the LA procedures for educational visit planning, approval and monitoring by using the EVOLVE on line visit planning and approval system www.cardiffvisits.org for all visits run by school/establishment staff or volunteers.

Staff planning an educational visit must ensure that they plan their visit using the EVOLVE system www.cardiffvisits.org and follow the procedures set out in this policy.

This policy is reviewed (and updated as necessary) annually or following any accident / incident on an educational visit.

Queries relating to this policy should be directed to Kathryn Tuff, Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC).

CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF

Schools & Lifelong Learning Service

Planning and approval procedures for Educational Visits

This document sets out the Cardiff County Council planning and approval procedures for Educational visits.

Anyone organising an off-site visit for young people from Cardiff County Council should also refer as necessary to the National Guidance for Educational Visits endorsed by the Welsh Government. The Guidance can be viewed in the 'Guidance and resources/guidance' section of Evolve www.cardiffvisits.org

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Foreword

The Schools and Lifelong Learning Service welcomes the move to an all-Wales approach to the organisation of educational visits.

There is evidence that traditional “*school trips*” went into decline around the start of the last decade. The most recent research, however, indicates that they are as popular as ever and are an integral part of the curriculum in all our schools.

When, as adults, we look back on our formative years, the most vivid memory we have of our school days is often that of a residential experience spent in the company of friends. Such is the impact of the experience that it remains with us for the rest of our lives.

The introduction of our Foundation Phase in Wales means that increasing numbers of children spend time outside the classroom, not only in constructive play, but also witnessing with awe and wonder the natural world. Other key stages of the curriculum are also undergoing change, requiring young people to experience activities away from the school. Our new procedures are designed to assist all those who are charged with delivery at this exciting time.

As a Council we recognise the vital role that teachers, youth leaders and others play in providing children and young people with these life-enhancing experiences. For my part I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who dedicate so much of their time to this valuable work.

Melanie Godfrey
Director of Education

Summary of Procedures

This document sets out the procedures by which Cardiff County Council and its educational establishments meet the standards set out in the *National Guidance for Educational Visits* endorsed by the Welsh Government.

EVC queries relating to these procedures should be directed to the appropriate officer as follows:

Local Authority (LA) leader approval, LA approval or notification for visits, EVC training and general advice about off site visits and adventure activities

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Table 1 - Visit Approval/Notification Required For Different Types Of Visit

Important Note - LA approval is **not** required for:

- Visits to, or run by, the LA's own Outdoor Education Centres (The Storey Arms OEC, Cardiff Sailing Centre, Cardiff White Water Centre, Learning Outdoors, Cardiff Outdoor Activity Team, The Harbour Authority and the Flatholme Project).
- Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel (OEAP) Outdoor Learning Card activities run in non-demanding environments by teachers / youth workers / other employees who have attended an OEAP Outdoor Learning Card training course.

	Approval/notification required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • residential • visits abroad • demanding environments (see Table 2) • adventure activities (see table 3) 	Visit planned and approved using the EVOLVE system www.cardiffvisits.org at least 28 days before visit.
Overseas expedition organised through an independent provider (<i>i.e. expedition to a developing country involving trekking or other adventure activities</i>)	Visit planned and approved using the EVOLVE system www.cardiffvisits.org before booking the visit. LA Approval is in two stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initial approval before booking ○ Final approval at least 8 weeks before the visit
Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition	Visit planned and approved using the EVOLVE system www.cardiffvisits.org at least 28 days before visit plus information required by DofE development officer
All other visits	<p>All other visits must be approved by the Head or EVC and a record of the visit kept as set out in 'Record keeping' section of this policy.</p> <p>Schools/establishments can determine their own planning and approval requirements but are strongly advised to use the EVOLVE system www.cardiffvisits.org</p> <p>This system guides the visit leader through the visit planning and approval system required by the Local Authority (in line with WG guidance).</p> <p>The EVOLVE system allows regular, repeated visits to be planned and approved.</p>

Table 2. Definition of demanding environments.

Important note: classification of locations is subjective. Visit leaders who are unsure of whether or not a location requires LA approval can seek clarification from their Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC).

Location	Definition	Level of approval required
Normal countryside	<p>Areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which are close to vehicle access (i.e. less than 30 minutes walking time for any group member to the nearest road from which the group could be evacuated by vehicle) and • where the environment does not have any of the features of a 'demanding environment' listed below. 	Visits here do not require LA approval
Demanding environments	<p>Areas where there is significant risk to the group from one or more of the following factors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hazardous terrain (e.g. cliffs, very steep slopes etc.); • remoteness (i.e. more than 30 minutes walking time from the nearest normal vehicle access point from which the group could be evacuated); • difficult escape (i.e. places where the group could be trapped and/or where they would need specialist help to escape); • exposure to severe weather (i.e. open to the weather and no easily accessible shelter within 30 minutes walking time for any of the group); • open areas without clear boundaries where the group might stray into hazardous or remote terrain in poor visibility; • fast flowing water, deep water, or water with strong currents (including tidal flow) where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> the group will be close to the water and there is a significant risk of someone falling in; <input type="checkbox"/> the group will be entering the water. 	Visits here do require LA approval (except activities run by the LA's Outdoor Education Centres – The Storey Arms OEC, Cardiff White Water Centre, Cardiff Sailing Centre, Learning Outdoors, Cardiff Outdoor Activity Team, The Harbour Authority and Flatholm Project.

Table 3. Adventure activities

Important note: This list is not exhaustive. Any visit leader unsure of whether or not an activity should be classified as an adventure activity should seek the advice of their Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC).

Land Based Activities	Water Based Activities
Rock climbing/abseiling including climbing walls	Kayaking and canoeing
Mountaineering	Sailing and windsurfing
Hill walking	White water rafting
Ice climbing	Waterskiing
Gorge or coastal scrambling/sea cliff traversing/coasteering	Snorkel and aqualung diving
Underground exploration – cave or mine	All forms of boating (excluding commercial transport)
Skiing (snow/dry slope)	Improved rafting
Air activities (except commercial flights)	Kite surfing
Horse riding and pony trekking	Surfing and body boarding
High ropes courses	Dragon boating
Quad biking/ATV's	Wave skiing
Orienteering	Jet skiing/personal water craft
Mountain biking	
Any activity (including camping, fieldwork and non-adventure activities) taking place in demanding environments as defined in Table 2 above	

1 **Approval and notification system for all visits**

All visits must be approved by the Head or EVC and a record of the visit kept as set out in 'Record keeping' section of this policy.

Schools/establishments can determine their own planning and approval requirements but are strongly advised to use the EVOLVE system www.cardiffvisits.org

This system guides the visit leader through the visit planning and approval system required by the Local Authority (in line with WG guidance).

The EVOLVE system allows regular, repeated visits to be planned and approved (see 2 below).

2 **Blanket approval**

Blanket approval may be given:

- by Heads/EVCs for routine visits
- by the LA for those staff who have gained LA leader approval (see 3 below)

For visits that have been given blanket approval, the visit leader and EVC must ensure that relevant information is left with the school/establishment emergency contact including details of the venue, activity, group, transport, start/finish times and other relevant information for **each** visit.

3 Parent/carer consent

Informed parent/carer consent must be obtained for all visits. For routine visits (those listed on form 1), blanket consent is obtained on an annual basis.

For non-routine visits (not listed on form 1) consent is obtained for each visit (or series of repeated visits) using form 2.

If parents/carers withhold their consent absolutely the young person must not be taken on the visit but the curricular aims of the visit should be delivered to the young person in some other way wherever possible. If the parents/carers give a conditional consent the Head will need to consider whether the young person may be taken on the visit or not.

4 Using an independent provider – pre-booking checks

For **any** off-site visit, the visit leader should check that the location and activities offered are educationally suitable for the group and will meet the aims of the visit. Check that any provider offers good value for money by comparing with other similar providers. Remember that there is no substitute for firsthand, up to date information. This level of pre-booking check is sufficient for visitor attractions and public access venues such as zoos, historical/cultural sites, museums, sports stadia, theatres, cinemas, hotels, bowling alleys, ice rinks, theme parks, public access (lifeguarded) swimming pools or similar. This level of check is also sufficient for the Local Authority's own Outdoor Education Centres.

When using a specialist venue or activity provider e.g. outdoor activity provider (other than the LA's own Outdoor Education Centres), farm visit or similar please apply the following guidance **before signing any booking form or contract**:

Ask the provider to complete the independent providers' questionnaire (which can be downloaded from the EVOLVE system's Guidance and Resources/Forms section www.cardiffvisits.org) and check that this has been satisfactorily completed by the provider **before you book**. This requires them to confirm that they have risk assessments in place for all activities/services that they provide and that these are available to view at the premises on request. **Please note that there is no need to obtain copies of the provider's risk assessments**. Seek specialist advice on any concerns arising from the provider's responses by contacting your LA Outdoor Education Adviser.

Special arrangements for Overseas expeditions (*i.e. expeditions to developing countries involving trekking or other adventure activities*)

Initial LA approval must be obtained before booking. Initial LA approval can be sought by completing and sending form OE1 (along with attachments listed on Form OE1) to the Outdoor Education Adviser at the address listed on Form OE1. Form OE1 can be downloaded from the EVOLVE system's Guidance and Resources/Forms section www.cardiffvisits.org Final LA approval for the expedition must be obtained at least 8 weeks before the expedition start date by completing and sending form OE2, along with attachments listed on Form OE2, to the Outdoor Education Adviser.

5 Local Authority (LA) leader approval

Who needs LA leader approval?

LA or school employees or volunteers who wish to lead in any of the demanding environments or adventurous activities for which LA approval is required must first be confirmed as technically competent to lead by the Outdoor Education Adviser.

Prospective leaders must seek LA leader approval through their own Evolve log-in via the '**My details/awards**' section. In order to be granted approval the applicant must have all of the following:

- **Either** a) the relevant National Governing Body (NGB) leadership award for the terrain/activity (NGB leadership awards are set out in the *National Guidance for Educational Visits*

www.wales.gov.uk/healthandsafety or b) have a written and signed statement of competence by an appropriate technical adviser verifying that the leader has the relevant technical and group management skills for the terrain/activity (see below for how to arrange technical adviser approval).

- Recent and relevant experience
- A current first aid certificate or qualification
- Support of the Head

[To arrange technical adviser approval the EVC must identify an appropriate technical adviser who is willing to make a signed statement of competence for the visit leader. Technical adviser approval is normally given only if the following conditions are met:

- The leader has completed a training course in the relevant NGB leadership award where one exists (or has undergone other appropriate training)
- The technical adviser has made a practical assessment of the leader and can confirm that they are operating at the standard of the relevant NGB leadership award or at a suitable level for a site-specific approval to be given.

Appropriate levels of technical adviser for different activities and levels of activity are given in the *National Guidance for Educational Visits*. If the intended activity is not listed in Annex 3, the Outdoor Education Adviser may be able to advise on appropriate level of technical adviser.]

Depending on depth of experience and technical skill, leaders may be given approval to lead either:

- the activity/activities at specific, named venue(s) at any time for the duration of the approval period;

or:

- the activity/activities at all venues that are within the remit of their competence at any time for the duration of the approval period.

The Outdoor Education Adviser will notify the individual and their EVC of their LA leader approval decision and this will be recorded in the individual's '*My details*' section of the EVOLVE system. This can be viewed at any time by the individual, their EVC or Head.

6 Special arrangements for DofE Award groups

Anyone planning a DofE Award expedition/ activity must first contact the LA DofE Development Officer before starting any planning for the activity to ensure that the Expedition meets the requirements of the DofE and Local Authority.

7 LA approval decisions for visits

Confirmation of the approval decision for a visit will be given via the EVOLVE system. **Visits that require LA approval must not proceed until this approval has been given.**

Where further information or elements of the *National Guidance for Educational Visits* have not been met, approval will be withheld until these conditions are met. Confirmation of this decision will be sent to the EVC/Head via the EVOLVE system.

8 Record keeping

The EVOLVE system acts as a record for any visit planned and approved on the system. Schools/establishments therefore only need to retain the following details for any particular visit:

- List of participants
- Parental consent forms (these can be destroyed 3 months after the visit if no accidents or incidents have been reported)
- Where an accident or incident has been reported the school/establishment should retain the parental consent form for the pupil(s)/young person(s) involved.

- If there has been an accident/incident on a visit, schools/establishments must ensure that the LA is notified according to LA procedures. The LA will keep accident/incident records until the young person reaches age 21 (or for 3 years in the case of an adult). Schools/ establishments therefore do not need to retain records of accident/incidents reported to the LA unless they wish to do so for their own purposes. If a visit leader or school/ establishment receives notification of a claim they should not respond directly but should pass the details to the LA claims manager/insurance section.

In addition, schools/establishments should archive in the school/ establishment records a copy of their:

- Educational visits policy – dated so that the version current at the time of any visit can be traced;
- standard risk management procedures dated as current at the time of the visit;
- records of staff competence and training (perhaps as part of the appraisal/performance management records).

This information should be kept for 5 years after which it may be destroyed.

9 **Monitoring**

Internal monitoring by the Head/EVC

The Head/EVC must monitor visit leaders from time to time to ensure compliance with school/establishment policy.

Monitoring by the Head/EVC should include:

- scrutiny of standards of visit planning and organisation as part of the visit approval process
- occasional observation of visit leadership

Following any observation of visit leadership it is good practice to provide the visit leader with verbal and written feedback and recommendations for further training if necessary. A copy of the observation report should be given to the visit leader and another copy kept on file by the school/establishment.

Monitoring by the LA

The LA will monitor schools/establishments on a 5 year cycle to ensure compliance with LA guidance. The LA will contact EVCs to notify them of an upcoming monitoring visit.

10 **Review**

Feedback from monitoring will be used to review procedures in order to ensure that they meet the standards expected for off site visit organisation and leadership and to identify further training needs for visit leaders and/or EVCs.

INTERNAL PROCEDURES FOR TRIPS/VISITS

All educational visits must be curriculum linked. The teacher is responsible for selecting the visit and undertaking the Risk Assessment and EVOLVE – these must be done when initially completing the Education Trip Form.

Where possible, teachers MUST visit the location well in advance of the education visit.

All Risk Assessments must be updated in advance of every visit. If the Risk Assessment is requested from the location, this Risk Assessment must NOT be altered. Staff must provide Risk Assessments for all aspects of the journey, as well as completing EVOLVE (every time you take children off site).

Educational Visits must be planned well in advance of the visit and parents notified at the beginning of the academic year. Sometimes this is not always possible, however, as much notice must be given in order for trip procedures to be put in place. Please note that at least 6 weeks' notice will be required to ensure the procedures below are carried out in the times specified. Any short-planned trip MUST be passed by the Headteacher prior to booking as other measures may have to be put in place.

The Teacher must meet in the staff room with parent helpers on the morning of the trip in order to read through the risk assessments with the parents to ensure that all children are safe.

Procedure:-

- Teacher organises and books trip
- Teacher passes information to school secretary immediately for her to generate trip letter and book bus, if necessary
- This must be written in the school diary.
- An Evolve visit must be created.
- The School Secretary will return to the Teacher:-
 - i) trip letters
 - ii) class list – for collecting/checking monies
- **The school secretary will put a final date on the letter when monies and consent forms need to be in school by. This date is final.**
- If there are any outstanding payments/consent forms to be chased by the teacher, this is to be done **5 days prior** to the final date. The LSAs will photocopy the trip letter as a reminder, put the name of the pupil on the letter and hand to the teacher. Only one reminder is to be sent out.
- All monies and consent will be collected via Parentpay
- All consent and a running total of monies collected must be ticked off the trip list
- If any money is handed to the school secretary, she will record this in a book, kept in the school office
- The LSA will need to remind parents to complete the consent and payment via Parentpay
- Once the final date has arrived, monies collected will be totalled. A decision will be made as to whether the trip can go ahead or not. The school secretary will inform the teacher of the decision.
- If the trip is to be cancelled, refunds will be returned via Parentpay
- Signed Consent (Parentpay) **MUST STILL BE COLLECTED** from all pupils regardless of if they have paid or not. Any pupil without a signed consent cannot participate.
- The school secretary will arrange for any cheques necessary for the trip and a polypocket will be given to the teacher on the day of the trip with all necessary information enclosed.
- The school secretary will arrange payment for the bus
- LSAs will need to liaise with Mrs Harris (Cook) one week prior to the trip to request grab bags for all children. **It is essential that all free school meals children are provided with a school grab bags even if they choose to bring food from home.**

- Once the final date has arrived, no other grab bags are to be ordered.
- Once the visit is completed, please fill in an evaluation on Evolve, whether there was any concerns/incidents/accidents, or it went well.

Please also remember to attached your own class risk assessment to EVOLVE.

There is a folder on teacher share with examples of risk assessments – please feel free to use any of these and adapt where necessary – PLEASE THEN SAVE YOUR RISK ASSESMENT IN THIS FOLDER FOR FUTURE TRIPS

- **For overnight/ adventurous activities, Evolve must be completed 28 days prior. Form 5 must be filled in and it is then sent to the LA.**
- **Please keep parental consents for 3 months if there have been no incidents. All other forms for 5 years. If there was an incident, keep all evidence until the child is 21 years of age.**

The headteacher is responsible for monitoring the policy to ensure that it is applied.

The policy applies equally to all pupils in the school community regardless of gender, ethnicity, social circumstances and prior attainment.

This policy is freely available to governors, staff and parents.

Signature of Headteacher.....

Date.....

Signature of Nominated Governor

Date.....

Signature of School Senedd Rep Date.....

Planning forms

Form A:	Educational visits planner – to be completed when booking visit
Form 1:	Parent/carer consent form: routine visits
Form 2:	Parent/carer consent form: non-routine visits
Form 3:	Summary of information about participants
Form 4 :	Emergency action flowchart for visit leaders
Form 5:	Emergency action flowchart for base (emergency) contacts
Form 6:	Incident record form

Form A

St Joseph's RC Primary School

Educational Visits/Sporting Trips Planner



Class and Name of Teacher	
Venue - Name Address Tel No	
Brief Description of Trip (TO GO ON PARENT LETTER)	
Date/Day of Visit	
No of pupils travelling No of adults	
Approx time - coach to leave school	
Approximate time for coach to drop children back at school	
How will the visit be funded? Pupils/other source?	
Cost of Trip (Venue) Per Child	
Lunchtime arrangements plus no of free school meals children	
Any other details/requirements	
Cover needed?	
Risk Assessment carried out Yes/No (please circle) - if yes, please attach	
Teacher's Signature Date	
Agreed by SMT..... Date	

Office Use				
Coach Details:	<u>Company used/Tel. No.</u>	<u>Date booked</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Date Venue booked:		Venue cost:		
Total cost				
Cost of trip per head:				
Date of Letter/Consent form to parent				
Enough contributions received?				
Contributions given to office				
Cover booked				

Form 1

Parent/carer consent Routine visits

School/establishment: _____

Your child's name: _____

I hereby agree to my child participating in routine visits off the school/establishment site. These visits might include the following, or similar, activities:

Visiting local shops
Visiting St Joseph's Church
The park
Swimming
Theatre shows

These visits will normally take place at the following, or similar, locations:

Around the school/woodland area
Maitland Park
Whitchurch Road
St Joseph's Church Cardiff
Maindy Leisure Centre
Ten Ten Theatre Company

I understand that:

- such visits will normally take place within the school/establishment normal hours, but that if, occasionally, they are likely to extend beyond this, adequate advance notice will be given so that I may make appropriate arrangements for my child's return home;
- my specific permission will be sought for any visits beyond those listed above or which could involve commitment to extended journeys, times or expense;
- all reasonable care will be taken of my child during the visit;
- my child will be under an obligation to obey all directions given and to observe all rules and regulations governing the visit and will be subject to all normal school/establishment discipline procedures during the visit;
- I must inform the school/establishment of any medical or behavioural condition or physical disabilities that may effect them during the visit;
- all young people are covered by the Local Authority's third party public liability insurance in respect of any claim arising from an accident caused by a defect in the school/establishment premises or equipment or attributable to negligence by the Council or one of its employees. Please note that this insurance policy does not include personal accident or personal belongings cover for your child.

Full name of parent/carer: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ Tel: _____

Form 2

Parent/carer consent Non-routine visits

To be distributed with an information sheet/letter giving full details of the visit

School/establishment: _____

Visit/activity: _____

Venue: _____ Date(s): _____

Your child's name _____ Form/Class (if relevant) _____

Medical and dietary

a) Does your child have any physical or behavioural condition that may affect him/her during the visit?

YES/NO

If YES, please give details: _____

b) Please give details of any allergies:

c) Please give details of any special dietary requirements of your child:

d) Please detail any recent illness or accident suffered by your child that staff should be aware of?

e) Please list any type types of non-prescription medication or lotions your child **may not** be given:

f) To the best of your knowledge, has your son/daughter been in contact with any contagious or infectious diseases or suffered from anything in the last four weeks that may be contagious or infectious? YES/NO

If YES, please give details: _____

h) When did your son/daughter last have a tetanus injection? _____

Water confidence/swimming ability

Please indicate your child's swimming ability:

Cannot swim

Able to swim a little in a swimming pool

Able to swim confidently in a swimming pool Able to swim confidently outdoors (e.g. lake, river or sea)

Your contact details

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Home address _____

Alternative emergency contact

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Family doctor

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Declaration

- Having read the information about the visit, and having understood the level of supervision to be provided, I agree to my child taking part in the visit and activities described.
- I understand that all reasonable care will be taken of my child during the visit/activity and that he/she will be under an obligation to obey all directions and instructions given and observe all rules and regulations governing the visit/activity.
- I understand the code of conduct for the visit and the sanctions that may be used if my child breaks this code of conduct. I have discussed the code of conduct and sanctions with my child.
- I understand that if my child seriously misbehaves or is a cause of danger to him/herself or to others, then I may be asked to collect him/her or he/she may be brought home early from the visit/activity. In such a situation there will be no obligation on the school/establishment to refund any money.
- In an emergency I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.
- I understand that the school/establishment may use activity images for promotional or publicity purposes
- I understand the extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided.

FULL NAME OF PARENT OR CARER (print please): _____

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARTICIPANT:

I understand that for the safety of the group and myself I will undertake to obey the rules and instructions of members of staff.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

Form 3**Summary of information about participants (young people and adults)**

Surname	Forename(s)	Date of birth	Address	Next of kin	Contact number(s)	Relevant special needs/medical information

Form 4

Emergency action flowchart for visit leaders

Do not speak to the media – direct all enquiries to LA press officer: 029 2087 2964

Mobile: 07989 996112

Give first aid if necessary. Make sure the rest of the group are accounted for and looked after.

Can you deal with the incident yourself?

No

Yes

False alarm involving emergency services callout

Do you need the emergency services?

Yes

No

Call emergency services

Inform emergency contact / EVC as soon as possible

Call St Joseph's RC Primary emergency contact: 02920621625 (9.00 am – 3.30 pm)
H Wheeler 0(out of hours).

Emergency contact will follow emergency action flowchart.

Form 5

Emergency action flowchart for base (emergency) contacts

Record information on 'Incident Record Form'.

Do not speak to the media – direct all enquiries to LA press officer: 029 2087 2964

Mobile: 07989 996112

Is the incident serious? If unsure assume yes.

Serious = involving serious injury / illness, missing persons requiring assistance at the location, or

YES

NO

Log telephone calls and timings and keep phone manned until incident is resolved.

Can the school/establishment handle this internally?

NO

YES

Call for external assistance from emergency services if not already called.

Arrange assistance as required by staff at incident eg transport / evacuation.

Inform LA

Complete incident/accident report form (and send to LA if required).

Gather written statements from staff / adults / young people involved.

Head / EVC to assess incident, recommend action and implement accordingly.

Inform staff and LA Outdoor Education Adviser of recommended action.

Form 6

Incident record form

NB This form is to be used by an emergency contact during the period that they are handling an emergency call. The EVC should ensure that LA incident reporting procedures are followed as soon as possible after the incident.

ABOUT THE INCIDENT

Name(s) of any individual(s) affected by the incident _____

Time and date of incident _____

Location of incident _____

Activity taking place (if applicable) _____

Name(s) of staff leading the activity (if applicable) _____

Contact number for visit leader _____

Name(s) of key witness(es) _____

Description of incident and action taken (continue on separate sheets if necessary) _____

Form completed by _____ Date _____

ACTION TAKEN TO AVOID A REPEAT INCIDENT (To be completed by Head or EVC following a review of the incident – continue on separate sheets if necessary).

Signed (Head or EVC) _____ Date _____

Section B

Standard risk management procedures

This section sets out the standard risk management procedures that are followed by staff of this school/establishment when leading off site visits.

Risk management form: All off site visits

Year

Significant hazards and harm which may occur	Who might be harmed?	Safety measures: <i>Measures that are in place and/or will be taken to reduce the risk to a tolerable level</i>
Crossing roads/walking along pavements	Pupils	Brief children of conduct expected of them when walking/crossing roads Ensure staff are placed at front, middle and rear of children. Pupils to walk in pairs or single file. Members of staff to choose safe place to cross roads (if not using recognized pedestrian crossing) 2 members of staff to stand in road with children walking between.
Weather conditions	Pupils/staff	Check weather forecast prior to visit Brief pupils/parents of possible weather conditions prior to visit Ensure appropriate clothing/footwear is worn or taken bearing in mind Summer and Winter conditions Check with parents that it is OK to put sun cream on children Take spare clothes for children not suitably prepared Ensure emergency shelter is taken if in demanding environment
Scientific demonstrations at science venues	Pupils	School/establishment staff to ensure that pupils follow instructions of qualified staff at venue and to adhere to rules regarding proximity
Trips, slips and falls	Pupils/staff	Ensure appropriate footwear is worn and shoelaces tied Brief pupils/staff of possible areas where trips, slips and falls may occur Ensure First Aid kit is carried by visit leader Ensure any medical conditions of pupils are disclosed prior to visit
Transport to and from venues	Pupils/staff	Ensure recognized LA bus company is used Ensure seat belts are worn at all times and are checked by visit leader

Stranger danger	Pupils	Ensure children are made aware not to walk off with an unknown adult unless given specific instruction by visit leader. Regular head counts Supervised at all times, including appropriate supervision when toileting
Beach/coastal visits - washed into sea caught by rising tide	Staff and pupils	Check tide times before embarking on trip Check weather forecast for day of visit Brief pupils and staff not to go near water's edge
Accident/emergency	Staff pupils	Follow emergency procedure guidelines carried by visit leader Ensure suitable staff helper (in addition to visit leader) understands emergency procedure Brief children of what to do in an emergency and how to summon help
Getting lost/separated from group (outdoor venues)	Staff	Regular headcounts Ensure pupils are to stay in small groups Ensure staff accompany pupils at all times Brief pupils to stay put if lost or separated and to shout for attention Ensure all pupils know name of visit leader, staff and school/establishment name
Getting lost/separated from group (indoor venues)	Staff	Regular headcounts Ensure pupils are to stay in small groups Ensure staff accompany pupils at all times Brief pupils to stay at venue if lost or separated never to leave the premises Brief children to make their way to reception Ensure all pupils know name of visit leader, staff and school/establishment name
Medical Conditions	Pupils	Ensure medical conditions are disclosed prior to visit Ensure consent is given for staff member to administer medicine if required Ensure medicines, epi pens, inhalers, etc are carried by visit leader Ensure at least one staff member/adult volunteer knows how to administer medicine if required.
Walking up/down the Garth or Caerphilly Mountain.	Pupils	Brief pupils and helpers of proposed route Brief pupils of appropriate behaviour Ensure member of staff at front, middle and rear of pupils Ensure correct clothing and footwear is used

<p>Farm Visits Machinery, vehicles, risk of allergy, contamination, bites, kicks, etc</p>	<p>Pupils and staff</p>	<p>Brief pupils to stay out of way of machinery/vehicles and to follow supervision by farm staff Ensure parents have informed staff prior to visit of possible allergies Ensure medicines are carried by visit leader (if required) Brief children not to touch animals unless safe to do so Ensure pupils/staff are made aware of farm rules, reinforced by farm staff Ensure all eating is done in hygienic locations Ensure children wash hands before eating Make sure First Aid kit is carried</p>
<p>Castle visits High walls – falls Steep, dark stairs - falls</p>	<p>Pupils and staff</p>	<p>Visit leader knows venue and specific areas of risk in the castle (following recce) Brief other staff Supervise pupils appropriately</p>

Additional notes: Standard risk management procedures are reviewed and updated annually. Old versions are kept on file.