

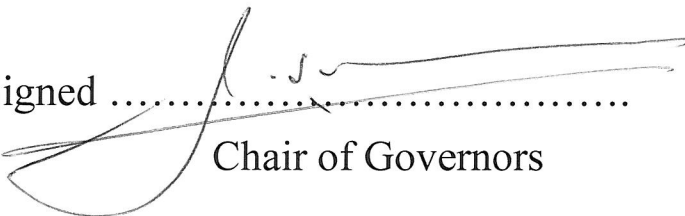


## School Visits Policy

*Approved by Governing Body*

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Chair of Governors

# Little Melton Primary School Policy for Offsite Visits

Little Melton Primary School has formally adopted, through its Governing Body, the Norfolk 'Guidance for Offsite Visits'. [www.oeapeg.info](http://www.oeapeg.info) and as outline on EVOLVE [www.norfolkvisits.org.uk](http://www.norfolkvisits.org.uk) Further procedures have been agreed with the Governing Body to ensure that this policy is adhered to.

## Aims and purposes of Offsite Visits

Little Melton Primary has a strong commitment to the added value of learning outside the classroom and beyond the school premises. It will seek to provide a broad & balanced range of Learning Outside the Classroom opportunities for all its pupils.

Each year the school will arrange a number of activities that take place off the school site and out of school hours, which support the aims of the school. The range of activities which the Governing Body has given its approval includes:

- Out of hours Clubs (music, drama, art, sport, homework etc)
- School sports teams
- Regular local visits (places of worship, swimming, other local amenities)
- Day visits for particular groups
- Residential visits
- Adventurous Activities.

## Approval Procedure

The Governing Body has delegated the consideration and approval of offsite visits and activities to The Headteacher. The Head teacher has nominated Mrs Claire Davies as the Educational Visits Co-ordinator (EVC) and the Governing Body has approved this appointment and the EVC has received training by the LA.

Before a visit is advertised to parents the Head teacher and EVC will approve the initial plan. The Headteacher/EVC will also approve the completed plan and risk assessments for the visit before departure.

This will be undertaken using EVOLVE as the planning and approval system.

[www.norfolkvisits.org.uk](http://www.norfolkvisits.org.uk)

The School has agreed a policy for categorising its visits in line with NCC guidance i.e.:

Level 3 visits must be approved via Evolve and the LA's on-line approval gained (Overseas, Residential or Adventurous visits)

Level 2 Day visits approved at school level on Evolve by EVC & Head.

Level 1 Local regular day visits this establishment has posted a list of its Level 1 visits in the document library of Evolve and will use in-house systems to record and approve such visits. It confirms that set of standard operating procedures (SOP) or generic risk assessments existed for these Level 1 visits. (SOP guidance is in the Evolve Document Library).

## Staffing

The school recognises the key role of accompanying staff in ensuring the highest standards of learning, challenge and safety on a school visit.

Staff are encouraged and supported to develop their abilities in organising and managing visits. There will be a system within the school to allow less experienced members of staff to work alongside more experienced colleagues on visits. The selection of staff for offsite visits will be a key priority in the initial approval of any proposed visit. Staff will be suitably qualified and experienced for proposed activities.

The school values and recognises the contribution of volunteer adults and parent helpers assisting with offsite activities and visits. Any volunteer will be approved by both the head and the visit leader and is entered onto Evolve. They will be carefully briefed on the scope of their responsibility. Where it is appropriate the school will ensure that CRB screening is available for volunteers.

The appointed Visit Leader will be fully supported in the tasks required to arrange the visit. This will include, as necessary, making time or finances available to conduct an exploratory visit, briefing teachers and/or other staff, accessing training courses, reviewing and evaluating the visit or identifying time when the leader and EVC might work in partnership to undertake planning and risk assessments.

Visit staff will not be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs such that their ability to recognise hazards or respond to emergencies is in any way restricted.

### **Risk Assessment**

The Visit Leader will seek to identify any significant risks from any activity that is under their control and take appropriate steps to ensure all participants are safe. Good practice precautions and safety measures will be taken and this will be recorded in a risk assessment.

### **External Activity Providers**

Where external contractors are involved in organising all or part of the visit, the contract will be made with the school on behalf of the pupils. All payments for the visit will be made through the school accounts.

The Visit Leader will make appropriate checks before committing the school to the contract. This will include seeking assurances about health and safety, and any accreditation and licensing. Wherever possible the school will seek to use holders of the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge for which no Providers Contracts or other assurance checks are required.

### **Parental Consents**

Written consent from parents will not be required for pupils to take part in the majority of off-site activities organised by the school as most of these activities take place during school hours and are a normal part of a child's education at school. However, parents will be told where their child will be at all times and of any extra information or measures required.

Written consent will be requested for activities that need a higher level of risk management or those that take place outside school hours. The school has a standard form, which will be used for this purpose.

As part of the parent consent they will be fully informed of the activities and arrangements for the visit. For all residential visits parents will be invited to a briefing meeting where they can ask for clarification of any aspect of the itinerary and organisation of the visit.

The school has policies for Charging and Remissions, Behaviour and Inclusion, which applies to all visits.