



Educational Visits and Activities Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1** In our school we seek to ensure that the National Curriculum is delivered to all children, regardless of social background, race, gender or differences in ability. All are entitled to the development of knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes. To enrich the curriculum for our children, we also offer a range of educational visits and other activities that add to what they learn in school.

2 Organisation

- 2.1** The National Curriculum defines what we teach the children in school. This is the basis for each class's programme of learning for each school year.
- 2.2** Within each class's programme of work the teachers plan educational visits and activities that support the children's learning. We plan other activities as the school year progresses, and inform parents of these in due course.
- 2.3** Visits and activities usually take place within the school day. We follow the LEA's guidelines relating to health and safety, and we ask parents to give written permission for their child to take part in any activity that takes children off the school site. If we do not receive this written permission, the child will be unable to participate.

3 Charging for school activities

- 3.1** All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. There are some circumstances when the school can make a charge for certain activities.

4 Curriculum links

- 4.1** All educational visits and activities support and enrich the work we do in school. There is also a number of people who visit the school to support our work. Some visits relate directly to areas of learning for individual classes, whilst others relate to all our children.
- 4.2** For each subject in the curriculum there is a corresponding programme of activities
- English . theatre visits, visits by authors, poets and theatre groups;
 - science . use of the school grounds, visits to botanical gardens;
 - mathematics . use of shape and number trails in the local environment;
 - history . castle visits, study of local housing patterns, local museums;
 - geography . use of the locality for fieldwork;
 - art and design . art gallery visits;
 - PE . visits by specialist coaches, sports day;
 - music . range of specialist music teaching;
 - design and technology . visits to local factories/design centres;
 - ICT . its use in local shops;
 - RE . visits to local centres of worship

5 Residential activities

- 5.1** Children in Year 5 & 6 have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Kench Hill. This activity is in school time and linked to the National Curriculum, so we do not make any charge for the education. We do, however, make a charge for board and lodging and for certain activities. Parents in receipt of state benefits maybe eligible for a grant towards payments.
- 5.2** The residential visit enables children to take part in outdoor and adventure activities. All specialist activities are undertaken with qualified instructors.

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