



Offsite Activities – Updated September 2020

Day Visits

Under the current DfE guidance, day visits are now permitted to take place see;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

“We continue to advise against domestic (UK) overnight and overseas educational visits. This advice remains under review. In the autumn term, schools can resume non-overnight domestic educational visits.”

If staff are considering an offsite activities, they should be aware of the following:

- If offsite visits require the use of school transport, then OMS school transport guidance must be followed.
- Staff must consider if the benefits of the visit outweigh the risks associated with undertaking the visit whilst Covid-19 is still prevalent.
- All visits must be risk assessed and approved in Evolve before they take place.
- Visits must where ever possible reduce the mixing of pupils from different class groups
- Ensure travelling first aid kits contain appropriate PPE
- Ensure planned venues meet your expectations in terms of interaction with others/public/social distancing etc.
- When the visit leader completes the SOP for the visit they don't need to re-write all of the school Covid control measures, but can just make a statement; “the visit will be run in accordance with the school Covid RA” (as long as it is/will be!)

If a pupil displays symptoms whilst offsite, the following guidance must be adhered to. Contact the school to advise of the situation and enable parents to be contacted and collection from the venue or school arranged. This may mean that the whole group has to return to school depending on staff to pupil ratios. When returning to school it is important for the pupil with symptoms to social distance. If this is not possible PPE should be worn (see PPE guidance). Once returned to school, normal protocol will be followed for a pupil showing symptoms (see Suspected Case guidance).

If a school vehicle is required to collect the pupil displaying symptoms, the pupil displaying symptoms must socially distance in an outdoor area with a member of staff until the vehicle arrives. Guidance on the transporting of a pupil with symptoms of Covid-19 must be followed (see Use of Vehicles guidance).

Overnight Visits

Currently the DfE is still advising against overnight visits, therefore overnight visits will not be able to take place until further guidance from the DfE is issued.