

P E R T H C E L Y N

Community Primary School

# Educational Visits

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# **Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council**

## **Perthcelyn Community Primary School**

### **Planning and Approval Procedures for Educational Visits 2024**

Anyone organising an off-site visit for children and young people from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough 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 [rctvisits.org.uk](https://rctvisits.org.uk)

## **FOREWORD**

'Educational visits offer an invaluable opportunity to enrich young peoples' learning, raise their self-esteem, increase their motivation and appetite for learning, and raise levels of achievement in many aspects of their life and education'.

Learning out of the classroom is a strong theme that runs through all stages of education in Wales. Rhondda Cynon Taf's educational establishments and children's services have a well-established and continuing commitment to offering an exciting and enjoyable range of educational visits for our young people.

It is important that children are progressively exposed to carefully managed risks, without being exposed to significant dangers. Educational visits can range in scope from a short local excursion to a local park or museum, to cultural or historical venues, and encompass a wide variety of outdoor and adventurous activities.

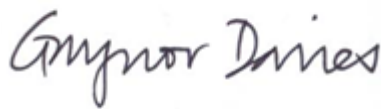
These invaluable educational experiences enhance the curriculum, help develop good working relationships between staff and young people, give opportunities to experience challenging new activities, and help young people to develop important life skills.

This document sets out the planning and approval procedures, which will help staff, plan and deliver high quality and safe off-site visits. By adopting these nationally agreed procedures, staff will be following best practice and in doing so will be supported by the local authority should an accident occur.

Staff who organise and engage in educational visits with children and young people show dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. Your work ensures that the young people of Rhondda Cynon Taf will continue to be given the opportunity to take part in such activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your professionalism and dedication.

These policies and procedures are aimed at supporting you in this valuable work.

I am extremely grateful to the work of Dave Golding, for developing this guide.



**Gaynor Davies**

**Director of Education and Inclusion Services, RCT**

## **Summary of Procedures**

This document sets out the procedures by which Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and its educational establishments meet the standards set out in the *National Guidance for Educational Visits* endorsed by the Welsh Government in 2014.

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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| <b><u>Outdoor Education Adviser</u></b><br><b>Dave Golding</b>                     |
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- **Accidents, incidents and general advice relating to Health and Safety**

Health & Safety Team  
Ty Elai  
Dinas Isaf East  
Williamstown  
CF40 1NY  
Tel: 01443 425531  
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## **Foreword**

The Head Teacher and Governing Body of Perthcelyn Community Primary School are fully committed to the promotion of educational visits recognising the benefits they can bring to learning.

Our core values can be promoted through educational visits. In particular, visits linked to our creative partners add much to the wider life of our students. We are committed to ensuring that the organisation of all visits is thorough and based on keeping our students safe as they learn outside of the traditional school environment.

The Head Teacher, Governors and Educational Visits Coordinator will be central to checking systems linked to student safety. Finally, Perthcelyn Community Primary School will work very closely with the LA following all relevant procedures to ensure that all educational visits are organised appropriately.

## **Summary of Policy**

This school/establishment follows the LA procedures for educational visit planning, approval and monitoring by using the EVOLVE online visit planning and approval system [rctvisits.org.uk](https://rctvisits.org.uk) 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 [rctvisits.org.uk](https://rctvisits.org.uk) 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.

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**Table 1****Visit approval/notification required for different types of visit**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** LA approval or notification is **not** required for:

- Visits to Ynys Hywel or other LA Outdoor Education Centres within the LA's (Dolygaer, Dare Valley CP)
- 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

| Visit type                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Approval/notification required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Residential</b></li> <li>• <b>Visits abroad</b></li> <li>• <b>Demanding environments</b><br/>(see Table 2)</li> <li>• <b>Adventure activities</b><br/>(see table 3)</li> </ul> | Visit planned approved using the EVOLVE system <a href="http://rctvisits.org.uk">rctvisits.org.uk</a> <b>at least 28 days before visit.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Overseas expedition</b><br>organised through an independent provider (i.e. expedition to a developing country involving trekking or other adventure activities)                                                         | Visit planned and approved using the EVOLVE system <a href="http://rctvisits.org.uk">rctvisits.org.uk</a> <b>before booking the visit.</b> LA Approval is in two stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Initial approval before booking</li> <li>o Final approval at least 8 weeks before the visit.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | Visit planned and approved using the EVOLVE system <a href="http://rctvisits.org.uk">rctvisits.org.uk</a> <b>at least 28 days before visit</b> plus information required by DofE development officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>All other visits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <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 <a href="http://rctvisits.org.uk">rctvisits.org.uk</a>.</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                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Normal countryside</b>     | <p>Areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 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) <b>and</b></li> <li>· where the environment does not have any of the features of a 'demanding environment' listed below.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Visits here <b>do not</b> require LA approval                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Demanding environments</b> | <p>Areas where there is significant risk to the group from <b>one or more</b> of the following factors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hazardous terrain (e.g. cliffs, very steep slopes etc.);</li> <li>• remoteness (i.e. more than 30 minutes walking time from the nearest normal vehicle access point from which the group could be evacuated);</li> <li>• difficult escape (i.e. places where the group could be trapped and/or where they would need specialist help to escape);</li> <li>• 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);</li> <li>• open areas without clear boundaries where the group might stray into hazardous or remote terrain in poor visibility;</li> <li>• fast flowing water, deep water, or water with strong currents (including tidal flow) <b>where:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the group will be close to the water <b>and</b> there is a significant risk of someone falling in;</li> <li>• the group will be entering the water.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Visits here <b>do</b> require LA approval (except activities run by the Outdoor Education Centres managed by one of the Central South Consortium LAs, e.g. Dare Valley OAC., Storey Arms). |

**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).

|                                     |                                    |                                             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>4X4 Driving</b>                  | <b>Improvised Rafting</b>          | <b>Snorkel and Aqua Lung Activities</b>     |
| <b>Abseiling</b>                    | <b>Jacob's Ladder</b>              | <b>Snowsports</b>                           |
| <b>Archery</b>                      | <b>Jet Ski</b>                     | <b>Speedboats and Ribs</b>                  |
| <b>Artificial wall climbing</b>     | <b>Kayaking</b>                    | <b>Stand Up Paddle Boarding</b>             |
| <b>Assault Course</b>               | <b>Kite Surfing</b>                | <b>Surfing</b>                              |
| <b>Athletics &amp; Other Sports</b> | <b>Leap of Faith</b>               | <b>Survival Skills</b>                      |
| <b>Bell-Boating</b>                 | <b>Low Ropes Courses</b>           | <b>Swimming - Pool, Sea, Natural Waters</b> |
| <b>Bushcraft</b>                    | <b>Mine Exploration</b>            | <b>Team Building</b>                        |
| <b>Camping</b>                      | <b>Mountain Biking</b>             | <b>Towed Water Sports/Water Skiing</b>      |
| <b>Canoeing</b>                     | <b>Mountain Boarding</b>           | <b>Via Ferrata</b>                          |
| <b>Caving</b>                       | <b>Mountaineering</b>              | <b>Wave Skiing</b>                          |
| <b>Caving – Artificial</b>          | <b>Orienteering</b>                | <b>Weaselling</b>                           |
| <b>Clay Pigeon Shooting</b>         | <b>Paintballing</b>                | <b>Whitewater Rafting</b>                   |
| <b>Coasteering</b>                  | <b>Parachuting</b>                 | <b>Whitewater Tubing</b>                    |
| <b>Crate Stacking</b>               | <b>Paragliding</b>                 | <b>Wild Camping</b>                         |
| <b>Cycling</b>                      | <b>Pony Trekking</b>               | <b>Windsurfing</b>                          |
| <b>Dog Sledding</b>                 | <b>Pot-Holing</b>                  | <b>Yachting (Coastal and Off-shore)</b>     |
| <b>Dragon Boating</b>               | <b>Powered Safety/Rescue Craft</b> | <b>Zip Wires</b>                            |
| <b>Field Studies</b>                | <b>Quad Biking</b>                 | <b>Zorbing</b>                              |
| <b>Forest Schools</b>               | <b>Rock Climbing</b>               |                                             |
| <b>Geography Field Trips</b>        | <b>Rock Hopping</b>                |                                             |
| <b>Ghyll Scrambling</b>             | <b>Rowing</b>                      | <b>All Duke of Edinburgh's Award</b>        |
| <b>Go-Karting</b>                   | <b>Sailboarding</b>                | <b>Expeditions including Training</b>       |
| <b>Gorge Walking</b>                | <b>Sailing</b>                     | <b>Practice and Qualifying Activities</b>   |
| <b>Hang Gliding</b>                 | <b>Sand Yachting</b>               |                                             |
| <b>High Ropes Courses</b>           | <b>Sea Level Traversing</b>        |                                             |
| <b>Hill Walking</b>                 | <b>Segway</b>                      |                                             |
| <b>Horse Riding</b>                 | <b>Shooting</b>                    |                                             |
| <b>Hovercraft</b>                   | <b>Sit on Top Kayaking</b>         |                                             |
| <b>Ice Climbing</b>                 | <b>Sledging</b>                    |                                             |
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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 Headteacher or EVC and a record of the visit kept as set out in 'Record keeping' section of this policy.

The following documentation is required for all visits to be approved by senior leaders. This **MUST** be completed on EVOLVE On-line Visit Form ([rctvisits.org.uk](http://rctvisits.org.uk)) for category 2 and 3 visits (final approval by SVS Visit Advisor:

- A visit itinerary/programme
  - Appropriate Risk Assessments
  - Supervising Adults
  - Emergency contact details

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/carers 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 Headteacher 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 first-hand, 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 at Dare Valley OAC., Ynys Hywel and Dolygaer.

When using a specialist venue or activity provider e.g. outdoor activity provider (other than the LA's own Outdoor Education Centres at Dare Valley OAC., Ynys Hywel and Dolygaer), 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 [rctvisits.org.uk](http://rctvisits.org.uk)) 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 [rctvisits.org.uk](http://rctvisits.org.uk). 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.oeadp.info/](http://www.oeadp.info/))

**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, the Outdoor Education Adviser may be able to advise on the 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 Headteacher.

## 6. Special Arrangements for DofE Award Groups

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

RCT Services to Young People  
C/o Dare Valley Country Park Visitor Centre  
Trecynon  
Aberdare  
RCT  
CF44 7PT  
Tel: 01685 889213

## 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
- Parent/carers 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 parent/carers 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. (Please refer to the LA's Emergency / Critical Incident Planning and Response Guidance for Schools and PRUs (October 2023) for details of the actions to take in the event of an accident or incident on a visit / school trip which requires a school to instigate its emergency/critical incident management plan. See also paragraphs 11 and 12 of this document)).

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 accidents/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 Headteacher/EVC**

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

Monitoring by the Headteacher/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/centres on a 3-year cycle for compliance with LA guidance by all educational establishments. 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.

## **11. Emergencies / accidents / incidents**

On the visit, the visit leader should carry a visit leader emergency action card.

Should an emergency / accident/ incident occur during an educational visit / school trip, the visit leader should take charge of an incident until relieved by the emergency services or by a senior member of employer/establishment staff. In the event that the visit leader is incapacitated, all members of the visit leadership team should have the competence to take charge and to initiate the establishment emergency plan.

The designated emergency contact should carry an emergency contact action card.

The designated emergency contact (a member of the senior leadership team) should provide an emergency contact for the group (this needs to be available after hours for evening activities and 24 hours for residential visits).

The school contact must have, readily available, written or online accessible details of the visit, including a list of all involved, contact arrangements with the group, and day and night contact details for parents/carers and staff next-of-kin. On residential or after-hours visits, the emergency contact should have access to this information at home.

Make sure that arrangements will work at all times, including after hours, at weekends and during the school holidays if visits are taking place at these times.

## **12. Notification of an accident / incident to the LA**

In the event of an an accident or incident on a visit / school trip which requires a school to instigate its emergency/critical incident management plan, the Headteacher or designated person should, at the earliest possible opportunity:

- Email the dedicated email inbox: [governor.support@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:governor.support@rctcbc.gov.uk)  
AND copy in the Service Director for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools and Transformation  
[andrea.a.richards@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.a.richards@rctcbc.gov.uk)  
AND copy in the Director's Secretary [tracey.morgan2@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.morgan2@rctcbc.gov.uk).
- Include the words SCHOOL EMERGENCY (School Name) in the subject box of the e-mail.
- Give a very brief description of the emergency.
- If possible, include a contact name and telephone number.

This initial email from the school will be cascaded to the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, the Service Director for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools and Transformation, the Senior Manager of Governor Support and Emergency Planning and any relevant Heads of Service.

The Senior Manager of Governor Support and Emergency Planning ([Non.r.Morgan@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:Non.r.Morgan@rctcbc.gov.uk) [07769 164734](tel:07769164734)) will coordinate the initial response within and out of school hours (Monday to Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. in term time and at weekends and school holidays). Should Non Morgan be unavailable, Andrea Richards, Service Director for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools and Transformation should be contacted ([andrea.a.richards@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.a.richards@rctcbc.gov.uk) / 07799 132044).

Please also refer to the LA's 'Emergency / Critical Incident Planning and Response Guidance for Schools and PRUs (October 2023) for details of the actions to take in the event of an accident or incident on a visit / school trip which requires a school to instigate its emergency/critical incident management plan.

## 2. Planning Forms

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 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:

Swimming

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

Abercynon Sports Centre

**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 affect 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/carers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent/carers:** \_\_\_\_\_ **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 |
|---------|-------------|---------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|
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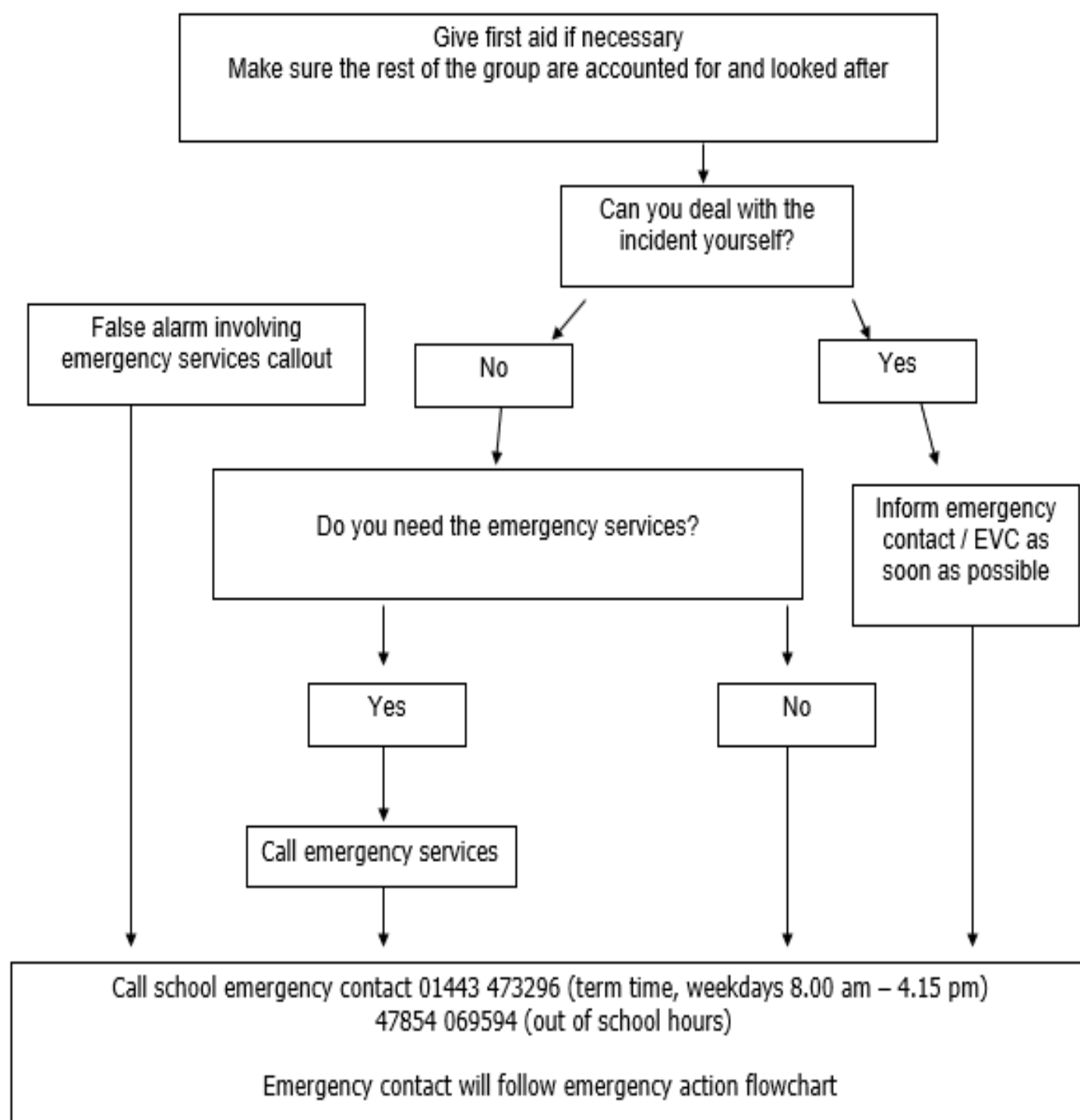
**Form 4**

**Emergency action flowchart for visit leaders**

**Do not speak to the media**

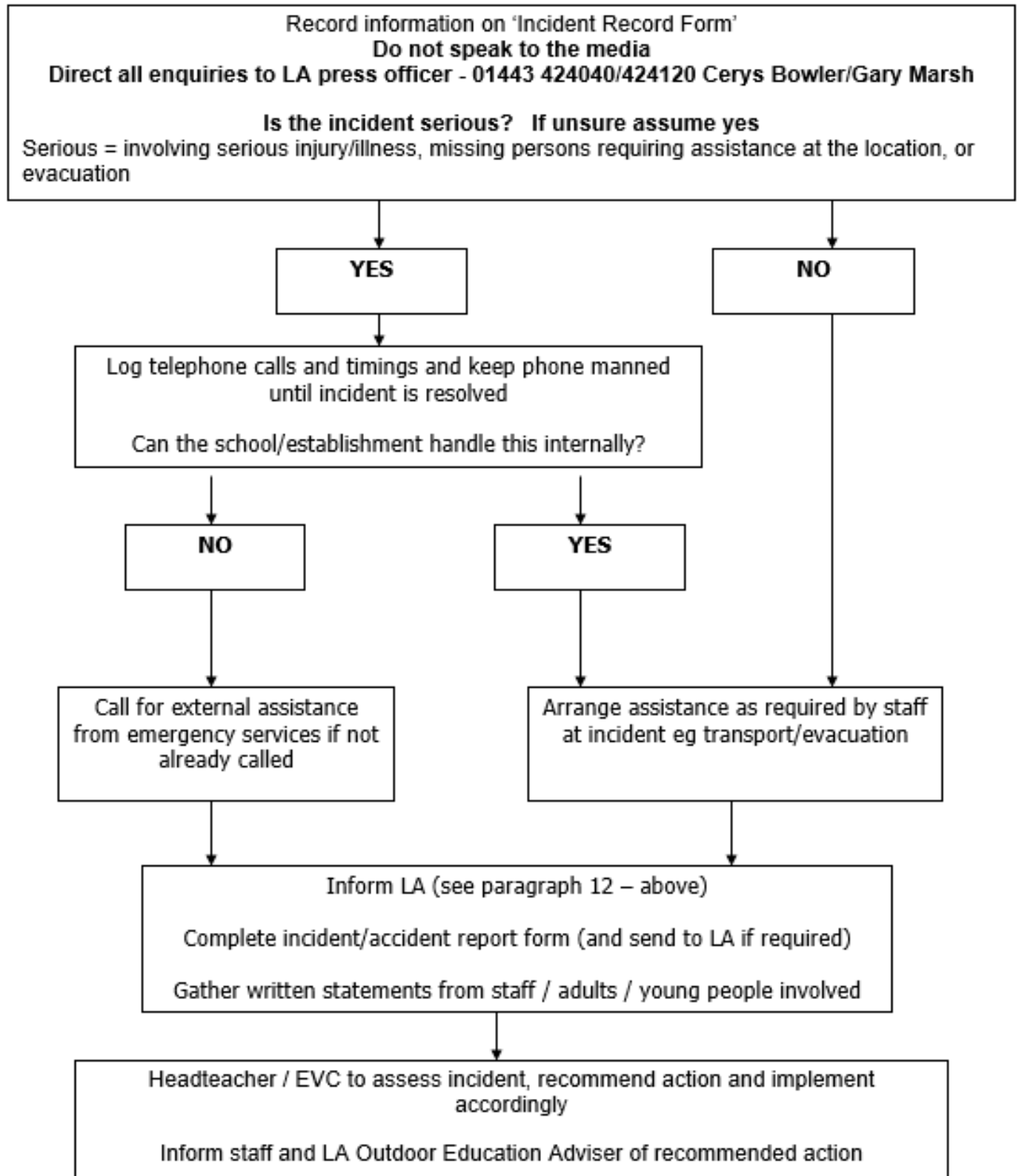
**Direct all enquiries to LA press officer**

**Tel: 01443 424040/424120 - Cerys Bowler/Gary Marsh**



**Form 5**

**Emergency action flowchart for base (emergency) contacts**



**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. (see paragraph 12 above).

**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 Headteacher 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****September 2022**

| <b>Significant hazards and harm which may occur</b>          | <b>Who might be harmed?</b> | <b>Safety measures:</b><br><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<br>Ensure staff are placed at front, middle and rear of children.<br>Pupils walk in pairs or single files.<br>Members of staff to choose safe place to cross roads (if not using recognized pedestrian crossing)<br>2 members of staff stand in the road with children walking between.                                               |
| Weather conditions                                           | Pupils/staff                | Check weather forecast prior to visit<br>Brief pupils/parents of possible weather conditions prior to visit<br>Ensure appropriate clothing/footwear is worn or taken bearing in mind Summer and Winter conditions<br>Check with parents that it is OK to put sunscreen on children<br>Take spare clothes for children not suitably prepared<br>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<br>Brief pupils/staff of possible areas where trips, slips and falls may occur<br>Ensure First Aid kit is carried by visit leader<br>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<br>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 the visit leader.<br>Regular head counts<br>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<br>Check weather forecast for day of visit<br>Brief pupils and staff not to go near waters edge                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| Accident/emergency                                                                           | Staff pupils     | Follow emergency procedure guidelines carried by visit leader<br>Ensure suitable staff helper (in addition to visit leader) understands emergency procedure<br>Brief children of what to do in an emergency and how to summon help                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Getting lost/separated from group (outdoor venues)                                           | Staff            | Regular headcounts<br>Ensure pupils are to stay in small groups<br>Ensure staff accompany pupils at all times<br>Brief pupils to stay put if lost or separated and to shout for attention<br>Ensure all pupils know name of visit leader, staff and school/establishment name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Getting lost/separated from group (indoor venues)                                            | Staff            | Regular headcounts<br>Ensure pupils are to stay in small groups<br>Ensure staff accompany pupils at all times<br>Brief pupils to stay at venue if lost or separated never to leave the premises<br>Brief children to make their way to reception<br>Ensure all pupils know name of visit leader, staff and school/establishment name                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Medical Conditions                                                                           | Pupils           | Ensure medical conditions are disclosed prior to visit<br>Ensure consent is given for staff member to administer medicine if required<br>Ensure medicines, epi pens, inhalers, etc are carried by visit leader<br>Ensure at least one staff member/adult volunteer knows how to administer medicine if required.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Hill Walking                                                                                 | Pupils           | Brief pupils and helpers of proposed route<br>Brief pupils of appropriate behaviour<br>Ensure member of staff at front, middle and rear of pupils<br>Ensure correct clothing and footwear is used                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Farm Visits</b><br>Machinery, vehicles, risk of allergy, contamination, bites, kicks, etc | Pupils and staff | Brief pupils to stay out of way of machinery/vehicles and to follow supervision by farm staff<br>Ensure parents have informed staff prior to visit of possible allergies<br>Ensure medicines are carried by visit leader (if required)<br>Brief children not to touch animals unless safe to do so<br>Ensure pupils/staff are made aware of farm rules, reinforced by farm staff<br>Ensure all eating is done in hygienic locations<br>Ensure children wash hands before eating<br>Make sure First Aid kit is carried |
| <b>Castle visits</b><br>High walls – falls<br>Steep, dark stairs - falls                     | Pupils and staff | Visit leader knows venue and specific areas of risk in the castle (following recce)<br>Brief other staff<br>Supervise pupils appropriately                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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