

Activities and Visits - Children's Services (non residential)

1 Policy

1.1 Outcomes

Please note that for residential visits and holidays a separate policy applies. This policy and guidance is for non-residential activities.

This policy aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Children and young people enjoy their interests, develop confidence and skills because they have access to well planned and supported social and leisure activities.
- Children and young people learn about and make a positive contribution to their community.
- Children and young people's quality of life and physical and emotional wellbeing is supported through engagement.

1.2 In seeking to achieve these outcomes Heads/Managers will need to take account of the following:

- i. That children and young people are given encouragement and help to engage with, develop and pursue child centred interests and hobbies.
- ii. That children and young people are provided with the right level of support to enables them to access and enjoy as wide a range of activities that is safe but supports positive risk taking.
- iii. That the Head/Manager will liaise with parents and placing authorities about the involvement of children and young people in activities/interests.
- iv. That leisure activities and interests, and how we may support children and young people's access to these, are included in their placement plan and considered at all reviews.
- v. That children and young people are encouraged to access interests and activities outside the school environment and in the wider community.

2 Procedures

2.1 In seeking to achieve the above guidance and outcomes the Practice Guidance should be followed by staff.

2.2 The review of Individual Plans will contribute to the evaluation of the schools' Activities and Visits provision on a not less than quarterly basis.