



Nottinghamshire County Council

School Visits Policy for The Kite Primary Federation.

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OUR FEDERATION VISION

Together we will flourish and thrive,
building on our Christian and local community,
for the good of all.

Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will
soar high on wings like eagles. Isaiah 40v.31



Our Federation Values are reflected within this policy as the opportunities discussed in here give children *hope* for chances to come through exciting opportunities and visits, we encourage *respect* for all children to be able to equally access the opportunities and activities regardless of circumstances and also by widening the children's understanding of the world in which they live, we help to develop their own respect for others, we promote *generosity* of spirit and foster a *love* of learning and of their communities.

The Kite Primary Federation Educational Visits Policy:

At the Primary Kite Federation, school visits are valued as an essential part of a child's educational experience. Through local educational visits, pupils can forge stronger relationships within our Christian and wider community. We believe that the participation of children and young people in a wide range of visits, journeys and out of school experiences is important in promoting learning and development and enriching a child's educational experiences. We recognise that children are unique and as such each child learns in a different way. Taking learning outside of the classroom, enables children to learn in a meaningful manner, to encounter new experiences and meet a range of people and learn about diverse places.

Introduction

This policy template is written in accordance with Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Policy and Guidance 2018. It is essential that Governors, Headteachers, Visits Coordinators and the Visit Leaders are familiar with the contents of this policy and Nottinghamshire County Council guidance before planning excursions.

Policy Statement

The Governors and Executive Headteacher of The Kite Primary Federation accept their responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and subordinate health and safety legislation and acknowledge the requirement to ensure that participants are kept safe whilst on visits and journeys away from their normal place of attendance.

Statement of Safety Policy

As part of their responsibilities the Governors and Executive Headteacher will take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure the health, safety and welfare of participants while travelling to, and engaged in, activities away from school whether provided by school or a contracted provider.

Statement of safety organisation

Organisation and responsibilities

Responsibility for all visits rests with the Governing Body and Headteachers within individual schools. The respective roles of each are outlined within Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance for Children and Young People.

Governing Body

Governors must ensure that all visits are properly planned and the necessary approval obtained before a visit takes place.

Governors may wish to see an outline of all or specified planned visits before they take place or may delegate this to the Executive Headteacher.

The person named below will oversee and monitor this policy.

Sally Beaman

The Headteacher will report to the above person outlining visits planned and the results of reviews undertaken where appropriate for further consideration at suitable meetings.

Executive Headteacher

The Executive Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring that all visits and trips are planned, organised, controlled, monitored and reviewed in accordance to Nottinghamshire County Council guidance documents and relevant regulations.

Headteachers must authorise all visits and where applicable seek the approval of the Governing Body and the Local Authority for Category C events.

The Executive Headteacher will confirm the qualifications, training records and experience of the Group Leader who will lead the specific visit and the supervisory personnel, and will approve these people as suitable to lead/supervise the visit/s.

The Executive Headteacher will agree, with a named Visit Coordinator (VC), the duties delegated to the VC, or in absence of a VC, fulfil this function themselves.

Visit Coordinator (VC)

The School Visits Coordinator is:

Sally Beaman

They will undertake duties as agreed between themselves and the Headteacher. (Reference to common duties and responsibilities should be made contained within Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance).

The VC will be conversant with Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance as well as existing good practice, issued by Government Departments, National Governing Bodies and national interest groups (available as downloadable documents or hyperlinks within Nottinghamshire County Council's EVOLVE system).

Visit Leader

The Visit Leader should be conversant with Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance, service specific guidance and corporate policy and will comply with these requirements.

The Visit Leader will liaise with the VC throughout the planning and preparation of their trip to ensure that any activities or events that may place staff or other participants at significant risk are assessed and that safety measures are in place prior to the trip taking place.

The Visit Leader will ensure that all parents of children on their trip are provided with all required information, which may include risk assessment information, and that any questions raised are answered prior to the trip taking place.

The Visit Leader named for each visit will have overall responsibility for that visit whilst it is underway.

The Visit Leader will be fully familiar with emergency procedures and contact numbers.

Supervisory staff

All staff assisting with supervision on any trip will be conversant with the Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance and the specific risk assessment/s for that event.

All staff will ensure that the requirements of any risk assessments, risk control procedures and safe systems are followed.

All staff will ensure that once the trip has started, where any previously unforeseen hazards or risks are identified; they are brought to the attention of the Visit Leader.

Staff will feed back information to the Visit Leader to enable a full review of the trip to be completed.

Arrangements

It is especially important that staff use the most up to date guidance when planning and executing visits away from their normal place of work. The online visit planning and approval system (EVOLVE) has been developed to facilitate this and is regularly updated.

Schools must use this system or implement alternative arrangements that are similarly robust.

Nottinghamshire County Council identifies 3 categories of visits within its Visits Guidance for Children and Young People, which require differing levels of approval:

Category A – Locally Approved Visits

All such events will be approved by the Headteacher and managed in school by adherence to Nottinghamshire County Council visits guidance and school specific operating procedures. This school's operating procedures for visits are:

A generic risk assessment is in place for locally approved visits. This is monitored every two years. Parents/carers are asked to give consent for locally approved visits when they start school.

Category B - Service Approved Visits

Visits not normally forming part of your regular work, such as all day excursions or trips.

All such events will be processed via the EVOLVE system, approved by the Headteacher and managed by adherence to Nottinghamshire County Council visits guidance and school-specific operating procedures. Forms should be submitted on Evolve a minimum of two weeks prior to the trip.

Category C Service & Local Authority Approved Visits

Residential visits, visits requiring specific competency to deliver or more hazardous events.

All such events will be processed via the EVOLVE system, approved by the Executive Headteacher and be delivered when school is in receipt of Local Authority approval.

Where the school uses external providers for activity provision, suitable assurance must be sought by school to ensure that they are suitable and appropriate for use.

All visits will be assessed in line with advice from the government in light of the current global pandemic. Any trip which is planned will be planned in accordance with current government guidelines at the time.

Signed Chair of Governors: Date:

Signed Headteacher: Date: