











# Grange View C.E First School

# Educational Visits Policy

Visits off school premises to local parks, museums and a variety of historically, geographically or environmentally interesting locations is a vitally important part of our overall approach to the curriculum in giving children some first-hand experience in their learning.

However, in planning such visits teachers' first priority must be the safety and welfare of the children. It is with this particular aspect that these guidelines are concerned. All visits should be planned with reference to the school document "Guidelines for Offsite Educational Visits" (Jan 2005)

The Educational Visits Co-ordinator at Grange View C.E. First School is Mrs Cessford, overseen by Mrs Laskey.

#### Planning the visit

Teachers should familiarise themselves with the location to be visited, paying particular attention to any areas that may present a hazard to the children. This also includes transport arrangements and, in particular, where roads have to be crossed and the provision of light controlled crossings. Risk assessments should be completed for all aspects of the visit. (Generic, specific and blank risk assessments can be found on the Evolve website.)

Copies of risk assessments should be handed to the Educational Visits Co-ordinator, preferably one month, but at least two weeks in advance of the visit, along with Form AV1 via the Evolve website.

Residential visits require County Council paperwork to be completed - see Evolve or Guidelines for details of SV1, SV2, SV5 SV10, SV11 and AV2

Parents should be informed about the visit by letter beforehand and consent received.

# Ratio of adults to children

For any class visit off school premises that involves a whole class then the teacher and preferably another member of the school staff must accompany the group. Minimum ratio requirements are 1: 6 in foundation stage / KS1 and year 3 and 1:10 in KS2. All adults accompanying classes on visits must have up to date CRB clearance.

Parents should be encouraged to come on visits to help with the supervision of children. If parents do join the class then they should be given a particular group of children to











supervise and told what is required of them re supervision duties. Parents can only supervise a group of children as part of the whole group. They are not allowed to be solely responsible for children. Their role is to support the school staff and they should report any misbehaviour, accident or incident to a member of staff.

It is, however, the teacher's overall responsibility to ensure that all the children behave in a sensible manner and do not put themselves or others in danger.

#### At the start of the visit

The number of children in the group must be checked before leaving the school premises and children given clear instructions re expectations of them during the visit.

Ensure that the children are adequately/appropriately clothed for the visit.

Make sure you have a first aid kit if the visit is for a whole school day.

#### During the visit

Check at frequent intervals that all the children are present and that no one has gone astray. No child should be allowed to leave the main body of the group without the supervision of a member of the school staff.

In the case of a child having a serious accident requiring medical attention, the injured child should be dealt with immediately – one member of the school staff contacting first the ambulance service and then the school. The teacher would accompany the child to hospital and the other adults would bring the rest of the party back to school.

Upon returning to school please report to the school office that you are back. Visits must always be planned so that the children return to school before the end of the school day.

If your time of return is delayed and beyond the end of the school day please telephone the school, if possible, so that waiting parents can be informed.

# Seaside visits

Tides should be checked for safety before any visit to the beach is planned.

The children must not be allowed to paddle in the sea unless a member of staff

accompanying the group knows that it is safe to do so in that area.

If the children are allowed to paddle in the sea they must be closely supervised by staff who themselves are in the water and to a ratio of 1:5.

Children must not be allowed to venture onto cliffs, dunes, rocky promontories close to the water's edge or into quarries, disused mines or derelict buildings.







# Cost of visits

The cost to each child for a visit is based on the cost of the transport and entrance fee and parents are usually requested to contribute towards this. No child is to be excluded from taking part in a visit because their parents do not contribute towards costs.

#### PUPIL PREMIUM( FSM) DATA 2012-13

Any pupils on FSM Register or pupils eligible for Deprivation Pupil Premium receive subsidised educational visit costs.

These subsides are calculated based on 3educational visits per year (£10 towards the cost of each visit)

Note: This policy is written with reference to the DfEE guidance on Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits (1998), a copy of which is available in the Head Teacher's office.

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