

SCHOOL TRIPS POLICY

This policy has been evolved from the DCFS guidelines and Worcestershire County Council guidance notes and has been developed to be consistent with the School's Mission Statement.

The school acknowledges that students can derive immense educational benefit by taking part in off-site visits. Taking part in problem solving, decision-making and residential experiences both at home and abroad can enhance the development of personal and social skills. The knowledge and experience gained beyond the classroom can consolidate and extend the taught curriculum within it. This policy seeks to establish a framework from which students can benefit in a safe, healthy and secure environment.

An Off-site Visit is defined as pupils going 'beyond the school gates' to pursue an activity organised through the school. Activities may take place during or after the school day, at weekends or in school holidays and will be educational, curricular or recreational based. All off-site visits must have an educational purpose and pre-determined clear educational objectives. All participants in activities will be identified as group members associated with the school.

The school policy recognises that every student should have full access to each visit that is appropriate to their class, year or option subject, regardless of their abilities, therefore, developing further 'the whole child'.