

The City of Edinburgh Council Outdoor Learning Resources

Key Resources

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Overseas Visits

Notice to parents / carers

Overseas visits have been reviewed alongside educational effectiveness, equity, equality, environmental sustainability as well as minimising financial risks to our families, partners and the Council.

A draft approval framework was shared with schools in May 2023. This was developed via the Head Teacher Executive and a working group comprising senior school staff. It was reviewed via a Council Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) group, which includes parent representatives. Schools had the opportunity to attend briefings to find out more about the framework and ask questions.

The finalised framework was shared with schools in August 2023. It encourages schools to consult with their school community to plan future overseas visits. Individual visit proposals are being submitted and future visits are being approved.

Updates will be sent to schools; sharing key information and good practice. This will allow schools to review and develop their overseas visits.

This approach will ensure young people can attend appropriate overseas visits, which are safe, accessible, and relevant to their educational needs whilst aligning to Council priorities and minimising financial risks to those involved.

Parents/carers are encouraged to contact their school for more information.

All other enquiries should be directed to internationalexcursions@edinburgh.gov.uk