

ASTON ALL SAINTS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Educational Visits and Activities Policy

Introduction

Aston C of E aims to offer all children a broad and balanced curriculum that promotes their spiritual, moral cultural, mental and physical development and prepares them for the opportunities and experiences of adult life.

We seek to ensure that the National Curriculum is delivered to all children, regardless of social background, race, gender or differences in ability. All are entitled to the development of knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes. To enrich the curriculum for our children, we also offer a range of educational visits and other activities that add to what they learn in school.

Organisation

The National Curriculum defines what we teach the children in school. This is the basis for each class's programme of learning for each school year. In addition teachers and governors agree the corresponding programme of visits and activities.

Within each class's programme of work the teachers plan educational visits and activities that support the children's learning. We give details of these visits and activities to parents.

Visits and activities usually take place within the school day and the governing body approves all such visits in advance. We follow the LA's guidelines relating to health and safety and we ask parents to give written permission for their child to take part in any activity that takes children off the school site. If we do not receive this written permission, the child will be unable to participate.

Charging for school activities

See Charges and Remissions Policy

Curriculum links

All educational visits and activities support and enrich the work we do in school. There is also a number of people who visit the school to support our work. Some visits relate directly to areas of learning for individual classes, whilst others relate to all our children.

For each subject in the curriculum there is a corresponding programme of activities which includes visits by specialists. All these activities are in line with guidance published by the LA. These may include:

- English – theatre visits, visits by authors, poets and theatre groups;
- Science – use of the school grounds, visits to museums, farms etc;
- Mathematics – use of shape and number trails in the local environment;
- History – castle visits, study of the local area, local museums;
- Geography – use of the locality for fieldwork, village trails, contrasting locality;
- Art & design – art gallery visits, use of the locality, visiting artists during Big Arts Week;
- PE – range of sporting fixtures, extra-curricular activities, visits by specialist coaches;
- Music – range of specialist music teaching, extra-curricular activities, school orchestra, annual music week;
- Design & technology – visits to shops, museums, visit into school by puppeteer/ the fire service;
- Computing – its use in local services, visits to Community Learning Colleges to use film making facilities
- RE – visits to local places of worship, visits by local clergy.

We also have visits from our neighbourhood police officer, fire safety officers and health workers. These visits support the personal, social and health education of our children. Our priest takes assembly on a termly basis. Other local religious leaders also take assemblies over the course of the school year. We do this with the full agreement of the governing body.

Residential activities

Children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to take part in residential visits. This activity is in school time and linked to the National Curriculum so we do not make any charge for the education or the cost of travel. We do, however, make a charge for board and lodging, insurance and specialist instruction for certain activities.

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