

Welcome to the Spring term newsletter for Educational Visits Coordinators.

Many of your thoughts will be turning to the forthcoming typically busy period for visits and planning so the newsletter includes a couple of timely reminders as well as some recent topics of interest.



Guidance for Educational Visits and Outdoor Learning

Like many Local Authorities Cornwall has adopted the National Guidance written by the Outdoor Education Advisers Panel.

This can be found at <http://oeapng.info/>

If you haven't already done so you must signpost this information to colleagues and ensure they have access to it as an information resource. It is very comprehensive and should be the first port of call for any planning or delivery of visits.



Visits and the threat from terrorism

It's a strange world where we have to consider the above but the reality is that a potential terrorist attack is causing concerns amongst parents and visit leaders. Like all risks this needs to be kept in perspective and managed in a thoughtful and proportionate way. The Outdoor Education Advisers Panel has published guidance in the FAQs section on the National Guidance website, see download 6k at the following link:

<http://oeapng.info/downloads/frequently-asked-questions/>

Based on the above a number of schools have identified additional planning to address, for example:

- Identify possible safe areas or venues, near where you intend to be, that you could use as an emergency shelter.
- Minimise waiting time at busy transport venues –
 - How you would get away in an emergency, bearing in mind that the direct route and planned transport might no longer be an option. Are you aware of alternatives and can you access emergency funds to pay for them?
 - The possibility of an enforced overnight stay and what this might entail, for example do you need a reserve of any critical medication?
 - How the visit leadership team might manage an enforced group split.
 - Children and staff have “credit cards” with emergency phone numbers. This includes the hotel and the school landline numbers
 - Emergency contacts have provided the visit leader with mobile and landline numbers.

Managing an Emergency on a School Visit

The Outdoor Education Advisers Panel has designed a training package aimed at EVCs, senior management teams, Headteachers, Business Managers and governors. The training is certificated by the OEAP, can be delivered in a twilight session and covers all the information needed to produce a school plan for managing the full range of potential incidents on visits. The programme can accommodate up to 15 delegates so small schools could cluster to make this cost effective.

Please contact Andy Barclay (abarclay@cornwall.gov.uk or 07968 892855) for more information or to book a session.

National Water Safety Management Programme

As thoughts turn to the summer term many of you will be thinking about visits to beaches or other water venues so a reminder about this CPD opportunity is timely. RLSS UK has developed the NWSMP to provide a flexible water safety training solution for visit leaders operating in or near water. The programme is modular, enabling headteachers to select relevant and bespoke water safety training programmes most suited to their needs. Completion of Levels 1, 2 and 3 enables leaders to supervise structured swimming sessions on suitable beaches.



More information at :

<http://www.rlss.org.uk/professional-qualifications/nwsmp/>

We can deliver modules as bespoke sessions for your school (please contact Sarah on smelbourne@cornwall.gov.uk to discuss) or you can choose from the scheduled dates at <http://www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk> and search course code CLO34

Dates and Venues:

Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre – Friday 29 April 2016

Carnyorth Outdoor Education Centre - 12 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December 2016, 23 January 2017

Reminder

Your EVC status is valid for 3 years from the date of your initial training after which you need to attend an update (half a day). This is in line with National Guidance.

Details of full EVC training and updates can be found at <http://www.cornwalllearningonline.co.uk> and search course code CLO9 and CLO25

Dates:

Full Day Training:

20 April 2016 at Delaware Outdoor Education Centre

28 September 2016 at Hub Club Carn Brea

Half Day Revalidation:

Wednesday 27 April 2016 at Delaware Outdoor Education Centre

Wednesday 5 October 2016 at Hub Club, Carn Brea

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