



Outdoor Learning Off-site Visits: Emerging from lockdown

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This summary guidance is produced by the Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education (SAPOE). It mirrors current Scottish Government guidance, will be updated regularly and should be considered alongside relevant Local Authority guidance.

All learners in Scotland are entitled to regular, frequent, and progressive outdoor learning experiences. Whilst COVID remains, being outdoors is the safest environment to be in, and SAPOE has produced this guidance to ensure opportunities for young people continue to be provided.

Further information and updates regarding off-site visits can be found on the [Going Out There](http://www.goingoutthere.co.uk) website. www.goingoutthere.co.uk and www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-school-visits-and-trips/



Routine and Expected Visits:

Outdoor Learning in school grounds, local greenspace and parks is allowed



Day Visits:

day visits to facilitate outdoor learning are allowed



Overseas Visits:

currently not permitted but being reviewed regularly by Scottish Government



Adventure Activities:

adventure activities are encouraged and permitted in line with the relevant LA and National Governing Body guidance



Residential Visits:

residential visits including expeditions are allowed (subject to conditions and Covid safety mitigations)



Working with Partners:

to increase Outdoor Learning opportunity and capacity partnership work is encouraged



Transport:

is allowed and should align with traveling safely guidance including 1m pupil to adult distancing



Changing:

using changing and toilet facilities is allowed while following pragmatic enhanced hygiene and Covid safety mitigations

“The outdoors can provide extra space for distancing between consistent groups of learners, help to decrease the risk of transmission and improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of young people... and provide experiences which enhance learning”

Scottish Government, March 2021



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