



Consent for Educational Visits

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[Trips & Visits Policy.pdf \(thirskschool01.blob.core.windows.net\)](#)

Dear Parent

In keeping with the North Yorkshire Council's Educational Visits, Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities Policy, which informs our school policy, I am writing to you to explain the procedure for you to give consent for your child to attend educational trips and visits including sports fixtures.

For regular, routine or local area visits, (defined as being within Thirsk) we require a single consent at the start of the academic year. This also includes regular PE fixtures during or after the school day. For information regarding the details of this, please use the policy link above.

The information below explains the different types of trips.

Consent given on the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app enables your child to attend the following two types of trips:

Educational visits during the school day which are part of the normal curriculum that are within the Local Learning Area as defined in the policy.

Schools are not required to obtain consent from parents for pupils to participate in off-site activities that take place during school hours, and which are a normal part of a child's education, such as local studies and visits to a museum or library, swimming lessons etc. While parents do not have the option to withdraw their child from the school curriculum, it remains good practice to inform parents that a visit or activity is to take place. School will inform you of any proposed educational visit of this sort by emailing home for any offsite activity or sports fixture that is away from home in advance of the activity. This email will not contain a consent form as this form contains that consent.

Sports fixtures that are away from home and beyond the school day

Schools are required to gain a one-off consent, at the start of the academic year, for their child to participate in an away sports fixture at a local school. Parents will be informed by the method described of both the location and timings of this fixture.

Locations included in the local area consent are Richmond, Stokesley, Queen Ethelburga's, Northallerton Leisure Centre, Risedale, Wensleydale, Northallerton, Easingwold Outwood, York College, Bedale, Wensleydale Rugby Club, Queen Mary's, SFX, Middlesborough Sports Village, Thirsk Rugby Club. This is not an exhaustive list as other venues in the geographical area may be visited.



Consent given on the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app, does not enable your child to attend the following trips, as these require specific consent given in advance of the trip/visit.

Educational visits beyond the school day or which are not a part of the normal curriculum

Educational visits beyond the school day or which are not part of the normal curriculum require consent. This consent for educational visits is given on enrolment for those visits which are not further afield, residential or include adventurous activities. The school will inform you of any proposed educational visit of this sort by emailing home a letter, explaining how consent is gained and detailed information about the proposed visit. Students will only be able to go on these visits if they get specific consent from home. For visits which are further afield, residential or include adventurous activities the school will request individual consent and where appropriate further medical information. Sports fixtures that are further away, residential or are deemed different in some way will also follow this procedure.

Medical information and contact details

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to provide timely updated medical and contact details to the school. You will also be asked to consent on the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app that the Visit Leader may give your child prescribed or non-prescribed medication and that you will be informed.

You should also be aware that you can request further information about administering medication, behaviour, charging and remissions, safeguarding and other relevant policies by contacting school.

Could I now ask that you go on to the MCAS app and give consent as per above.

Yours sincerely

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