

Educational Visits and Trips Policy

Localised School Based Procedures

School Name:	Vale of York Academy
Principal:	Gillian Mills
Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC):	Simon Stancliffe / Penny Tyrer
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Implementation Date: <i>Inline with policy approval</i>	November 2025

Introduction

In conjunction with our Trust wide Educational Visits and Trips Policy, localised procedures have been established to ensure that systems and procedures reflect the school/academy setting.

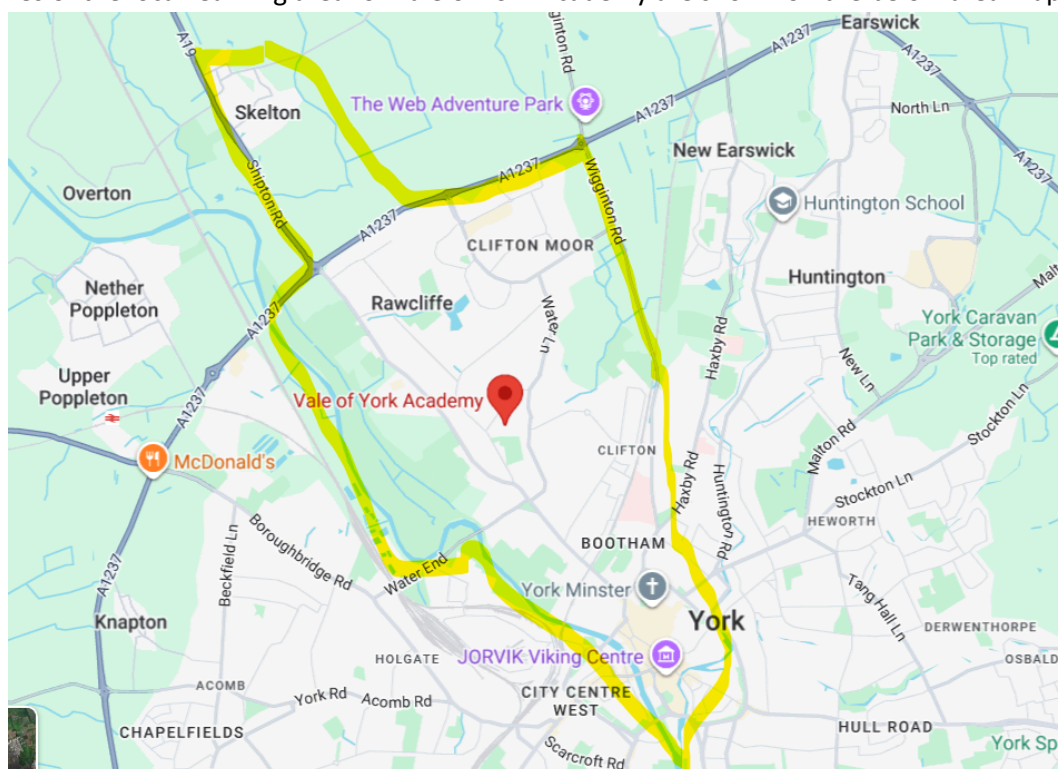
The localised procedures for the school/academy setting focus on the following key areas:

- Safe use of Minibuses
- Minimum Staff to Pupil Ratios
- Dress Codes/Identifiable Items for Pupils on School Trips

Should you have any concerns or questions relating to the localised procedure, in the first instance, please contact hello@voy.hlt.academy

Local Area Visits

The boundaries of the local learning area for Vale of York Academy are shown on the below area map.



Local Area Visits
Relates to item 5.4 within the Trust Educational Visits and Trips Policy
Local area visits include the following frequently visited locations*:
<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming pool (St Peters School) Parks (Rowntree Park, Homestead, Museum Gardens) Nature Area (Backies) Museum (Yorvik Viking Centre, National Railway Museum, York Castle Museum, Yorkshire Museum, Cliffords Tower, York Art Gallery) Care homes (Handley House) Theatres (Joseph Rowntree Theatre, York Theatre Royal, Grand Opera House) Library (Clifton Explore) <p><i>*Please note this list is not exhaustive.</i></p>

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Standard Operating Procedures for Educational Visits and Trips in the Local Area
<p>The following are potentially significant issues/hazards within our extended locality*:</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road traffic (A19 towards Skelton and A1237 Ring Road are very busy roads) Members of the public Animals (in fields - cows, sheep, geese, ducks and horses in summer) Uneven surfaces and slips, trips and falls Weather conditions Activity specific issues when carrying out environmental field work (e.g. nettles, brambles, waste etc) <p><i>*Please note this list is not exhaustive.</i></p>

Safe Use of Minibuses

Below is a list of all staff members who have authorised use of the school/academy's Minibus:

Staff Members Trained to Drive Minibuses		
Relates to item 8.4 within the Trust Educational Visits and Trips Policy		
Name of Staff Member	Role	Date MIDAS Training Completed
Stacey Stump	Support Staff	June 2023
James Gabbatiss	Support Staff	June 2023
Mark Rampling	Head of PE	July 2023
Ed Lyell	DT	June 2023
Rob Orr	PE	July 2023

Rory Donalson	SLT	May 2025
Laura Duncalf	PE	May 2025
Jack Martin	Geography	May 2025
Pip Brady	Music	May 2025
Craig Smith	Maths	May 2024
Pete Williams	Science	May 2025

Minimum Staff to Pupil Ratios

Below is a list of applicable staff to pupil ratios for different types of school trips utilised by our school/academy:

Staff to Pupil Ratios	
Relates to item 10.1 within the Trust Educational Visits and Trips Policy	
Type of Activity	Minimum Number of Staff to Pupil Ratios*
Local day trips, including the 'local area visits' (within school hours)	1 (<i>Minimum 2</i>) : 15
Day trips further afield (may start/end outside of school hours)	1 (<i>Minimum 3</i>) : 15
Any high risk activity (such as trips of an 'adventurous' nature)	1 (<i>Minimum 3</i>) : 10
Residential trips in the UK	1 (<i>Minimum 3</i>) : 10
Trips overseas	1 (<i>Minimum 3</i>) : 10
<p><i>*Please note, the minimum staffing ratios listed above are based on educational visits and trips which do not involve any pupils with an EHCP or any considerable behavioural issues. Staffing ratios will be increased on a case-by-case basis according to need, at the discretion of the Principal.</i></p>	

Dress Codes/Identifiable Items for Pupils on School Trips

Below is a list of acceptable dress and identifiers for pupils to wear on different types of school trips:

Acceptable Pupil Dress Codes/Identifiers	
Relates to item 12.6 within the Trust Educational Visits and Trips Policy	
Type of Activity	Appropriate Dress Code / Identifier
Local day trips (within school hours)	School uniform *This may be adapted according to the activity.
Day trips further afield (may start/end outside of school hours)	School uniform *This may be adapted according to the activity.
Trips of an 'adventurous' nature (e.g. rock climbing, water sports, skiing, etc)	PE kit where possible / Non-uniform otherwise
Residential trips in the UK	School uniform or non-uniform depending on the residential activity.
Trips overseas	Non-uniform