



Seamer and Irton CP School

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1 Introduction

- 1.1** All schools are required to offer 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.
- 1.2** In our school 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.

2 Organisation

- 2.1** 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 in advance of each academic year.
- 2.2** 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 at the beginning of each school year in our School Calendar. We plan other activities as the school year progresses, and inform parents of these in due course.
- 2.3** Visits and activities usually take place within the school day, and the governing body approves all such visits in advance. We follow the LEA'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.
- 2.4** All visits are logged on the North Yorkshire Learning Net website. Risk assessments are carried out prior to any visit taking place, signed off by senior manager and outcomes reported.

2.5 Visits by children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 are overseen by the respective assistant headteachers responsible for those key stages and overall responsibility is taken by the Headteacher. All senior staff with responsibility receive Educational Visits Coordinator training.

3 Charging for school activities

3.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. There are some circumstances when the school can make a charge for certain activities. The governing body has a charging policy that details the full range of activities where a charge can be made. A copy of this is available from the school office.

4 Curriculum links

4.1 All educational visits and activities support and enrich the work we do in school. There are 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.

4.2 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:

4.3 We also have regular visits from our neighbourhood police officer and health workers. These visits support the personal, social and health education of our children. Local clergy take assembly on a regular basis. Other local religious leaders may also take assemblies in the course of the school year. We do this with the full agreement of the governing body.

5 Residential activities

5.1 Children in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit. These activities are in school time and linked to the National Curriculum, so we do not make any charge for the education. We do, however, make a charge for board and lodging, insurance and specialist instruction for certain activities. Pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant will be exempt from any charges for educational visits and activities.

5.2 The residential visits enable children to take part in outdoor and adventure activities as part of their PE work and to further their studies in Geography and RE. Residential visits are planned carefully within LA guidelines. All specialist activities are undertaken with qualified instructors.

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