



LEARNING ZONE

OPERATING GUIDELINES – PARENTS

General

Supervised visits/activities that take place within the Learning Zone are part of the normal curriculum and take place during the normal school day. The Learning Zone is an area outside the school grounds, defined below in Boundaries, with potential for educational outcomes and may include theatres, art galleries, places of worship, local parks or commercial outlets.

Parental consent will be requested prior to the implementation of the Learning Zone (commencing September 2019) so that visits/activities taking place in the Learning Zone do not require additional parental consent. Should additional equipment be required for a visit/activity (eg waterproof clothing or sun-cream), parents will be advised prior to the visit/activity taking place.

The venue will be within walking distance of the school.

The visit/activity does not require additional risk assessments, other than the Standard Operating Procedures staff are required to follow. If additional risks or notes relate to a visit/activity, it will be classed as an educational visit, to which the Trust Educational Visit Policy will apply, and parents will receive an information letter requesting consent for their child to take part in the educational visit.

Boundaries

The boundaries of the Learning Zone are indicated on the Tudor Grange Academy Learning Zone Map (see website: Events – Trips – Learning Zone). This area includes, but is not limited to, the following venues:

- Tudor Grange Sports Centre
- St Alphege Church
- Solihull Library and Core Theatre Complex
- Solihull Town Centre (including Touchwood shopping centre)
- Solihull Gate Retail Park

Visits/activities to areas outside the Learning Zone will follow the Trust Educational Visit Policy and parents will receive an information letter requesting consent for their child to take part in the educational visit.

Standard Operating Procedures

Potential significant issues/hazards within the Learning Zone have been identified and all staff using the Learning Zone are aware of the control measures in place to manage the risks identified.