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Extended Learning Territory

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Christopher Primary we encourage learning to take place outside the classrooms as much as possible. We have recently updated our Educational Visits Policy and part of this is a new aspect referred to as the 'Extended Learning Territory'.

The idea of an Extended Learning Territory follows the City Council's model policy for Educational Visits and has been discussed and agreed by the school's Governing Body. It comprises of a boundary near to the school within which a teacher may decide to visit in order for the children to carry out fieldwork to support and enhance their learning. Because of the closeness of the area to the school, parents will not normally receive prior notification of the visit. The boundary of the territory is shown on the attached map by the red line and includes the following locations:

Allesley Park
Allesley Park Community Library
St John's Primary School
The Brook (Stream)
Local Shops (including doctors and dentist)
Allesley Hall Primary School
St Christopher C of E Church
The Co-op Shop
Whoberley Primary School

In addition:

- All visits will have been risk assessed in advance.
- The Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher must give verbal approval before a group leaves the school site.
- There is always a minimum of two adults present. Whether additional adults are required will depend on the area being visited and the number, age and maturity of the children.
- Staff are familiar with the area, including any 'no go areas' and have practiced appropriate management techniques.
- Children have been trained and practiced standard techniques for road crossings in a group.
- Children will be fully briefed on what to do if they become separated from the group.

- Children's clothing and footwear is checked for appropriateness before leaving school and staff will carry a first aid kit.
- Staff will be aware of any relevant medical conditions of children they take out and will take emergency contact details with them.
- Staff will leave in the office a list of all pupils and staff, a proposed route and an estimated time of return. A school mobile phone will be taken with each group.

Further details can be found in our Educational Visits policy, available either on the school website (in Key information / Policies), or in hard copy from the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A . Gibson, Educational Visits Co-ordinator