



# Outdoor Learning Off-site Visits: Emerging from lockdown

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This summary guidance is produced by the Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education (SAPOE). It mirrors current Scottish Government guidance, will be updated regularly and should be considered alongside relevant Local Authority guidance.

All learners in Scotland are entitled to regular, frequent, and progressive outdoor learning experiences. Whilst COVID remains, being outdoors is the safest environment to be in, and SAPOE has produced this guidance to ensure opportunities for young people continue to be provided.

Further information and updates regarding off-site visits can be found on the [Going Out There](http://www.goingoutthere.co.uk) website. [www.goingoutthere.co.uk](http://www.goingoutthere.co.uk) and [www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-school-visits-and-trips/](http://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-school-visits-and-trips/)



### Routine and Expected Visits:

Outdoor Learning in school grounds, local greenspace and parks is allowed



### Day Visits:

from 10th May day visits to facilitate Outdoor Learning are allowed



### Overseas Visits:

currently not permitted but work is underway to develop a route-map to assist long term planning



### Adventure Activities:

adventure activities are encouraged and permitted in line with the relevant LA and National Governing Body guidance



### Residential Visits:

from 10th May outdoor expeditions are allowed and from 31st May visits to Outdoor Education centres are allowed (subject to limits and conditions)



### Working with Partners:

to increase Outdoor Learning opportunity and capacity partnership work is encouraged



### Transport:

using dedicated transport is allowed and activity should take place at the nearest appropriate venue



### Changing:

where essential using changing and toilet facilities is permissible by implementing pragmatic and proportionate control measures

“ The outdoors can provide extra space for distancing between consistent groups of learners, help to decrease the risk of transmission and improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of young people... and provide experiences which enhance learning ”

Scottish Government, March 2021



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