



# St Martin's School

## School Sporting Activities Policy



### Introduction

School Sporting activities that are part of the normal curriculum and take place during the normal school day follow the Operating Procedure below.

These visits/activities:

- must have the permission of the Head, Deputy head or Proprietor.
- must leave a signing out sheet with the office.
- do not require parental consent.
- do not normally need additional risk assessments/notes (other than following the Operating Procedure below).

### Sports

This policy includes any sport which is non adventurous and forms part of the normal curriculum. It may include but is not restricted to:

- Football
- Tag Rugby
- Netball
- Rounders
- Athletics

### Exclusions

This policy specifically excludes adventurous activities such as:

- Kayaking
- Sailing
- Climbing
- Abseiling
- High ropes
- Zip lining

### Operating Procedure for Sporting activities

**The following are potentially significant issues/hazards when carrying out sporting activity:**

- Road traffic
- Other people, including members of the public
- Animals
- Losing a pupil
- Uneven surfaces and slips, trips and falls.
- Weather conditions
- Sport specific issues (falls, tackles etc)

**These are managed by a combination of the following**

- The Head, Deputy head or Proprietor must give verbal approval before a group leaves.
- Only staff judged competent to supervise in this environment are approved.
- Regular handwashing or hand sanitising is in place.
- Students are briefed on keeping their distance from members of the public
- The selected route takes the least busy option
- There will normally be a minimum of two adults.
- Staff are familiar with the area and location.
- Pupils have been trained in the standard techniques for road crossings.
- Pupils are fully briefed on what to do if they become separated from the group.
- Pupil's kit and footwear is checked for appropriateness prior to leaving school.
- Staff are aware of any relevant pupil medical information and ensure that any required medication is available. Staff will leave a completed signing out sheet with the office.
- A mobile is taken with the group and the number of this is recorded on the signing out sheet.
- Appropriate PPE and a first Aid kit are taken.
- The group will be returning to school within the times of the normal school day.

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