



Activities and Free Time

National Minimum Standards

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Evidence 10.1

There is an appropriate range and choice of activities for boarders outside teaching time, including sufficient and suitably timed free time each day.

Suitable risk assessments are in place for any activities which may put boarders at risk of harm.

- Document: Boarding Handbook
- Document: Trips and Visits Policy
 - Document: Weekly activities
 - Document: Weekend Activities
 - Document: Town Leave

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Boarders have access to a range and choice of safe recreational areas, both indoors and outdoors, and there are safe areas at school where boarders can be alone if they wish.

- boarding house tour

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Schools where there are unusual or especially onerous demands on boarders ensure that these are appropriate to the boarders concerned and do not unacceptably affect boarders' welfare

- Not applicable to Sexey's School

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Boarders have access to information about events in the world outside the school, and access to local facilities which are appropriate to their age.

- Boarding house noticeboards

- Digital television service
 - Internet access
- Breakfast News reports daily
 - Boarding staff
- Local shops (Town leave)
 - Monthly magazines

Trips and Visits Procedure

Sexey's School recognises the value and importance to offer its boarding students' opportunities outside of the school day to engage in a wide range of activities, this should also consider general interests across the wider house. All boarders will be provided with a list of weekday and weekend activities that they are able to sign up for each week, this will be made available to all students throughout the academic term. The list of these activities is also displayed in both boarding houses.

Weekday Activities Boarding students have access to a wide range of facilities on site including all the schools sporting facilities. Students have access to the following to use during their free time: -

Common rooms

- Playstation and Xbox
 - Board games
 - Computers
 - TV
 - Pool Table
 - Table Tennis
- Musical instruments
 - boarding gym

Alongside this there is a weekday activity programme, this allows the above to have allocated time in addition to other clubs that are led by staff, some of which include:

- Craft Club
- Chess Club
- Music Clubs
- Science Club
- Numerous Sports Clubs

Weekend Activities In addition to the onsite and inhouse provision during the week, consideration is made that at the weekend every effort is made to offer students activities offsite. Some examples of such trips are listed below:

- Thorpe Park / amusement parks
 - Go Karting
 - Cinema
- Shopping trips to local areas
 - London / Bath / Bristol
 - Paintballing
 - Zoo

It is recognised that the interests of the boarders will change over time, therefore all students have the opportunity via the boarders committee to request that consideration be made for a specific trip.

However, there may be exceptional circumstances Reviewed April 2021 National Minimum Standards for Boarding: Standard 10 where parents will be contacted to make a small contribution towards the cost of some trips, every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum. Prior to all trips the Director of Boarding will ensure that the following is completed and kept electronically for reference: - A risk assessment for the venue/location/timings of the trip - Costings of the trip - Any Health and Safety considerations that need to be identified. - Numbers, gender, and age of students attending - Emergency contact details for all students and parents All students will be accompanied on trips with a staffing ratio of 1:14, all will travel to the destination via a school minibus. Town Leave In addition to more structured time and activities, Sexey's School also recognises the needs for its boarders to be given opportunities to meet with friends/family outside of these parameters. On joining the boarding house all parents are asked to give permission for students to leave the boarding house without the supervision of staff on duty, however, it is also recognised by staff and parents that misuse of this privilege can result in sanctions being imposed e.g returning late/inappropriate behaviour whilst unsupervised. The following applies when a student has permission to have town leave: - The timings of this are indicated on whether it is summer/winter town leave - All students must let staff know they are leaving the house and where they are going. - On return to the house, they must advise staff that they are now onsite There are occasions where students are permitted to stay overnight at a friend's/guardian, in these circumstances both parties must complete the appropriate permissions sheets. This ensures that during this time they are no longer the responsibility of the Director of Boarding. Copies of these forms will be kept on the individual students one note files