

# Residential Educational Visits COVID-safe Charter

SCHOOL TRAVEL SECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP



























## **GENERAL**

All providers will:

- Undertake COVID-19 risk assessments and take risk mitigating actions
- Provide a site-specific COVID-19 secure policy statement
- Meet all relevant Government guidance relating to working safely, transport, catering, education and accommodation
- Provide information for teachers and pupils on the measures required to help stop the spread of the virus
- Request confirmation of school party's health and ensure no symptoms within party prior to arrival
- Support school staff to maintain bubbling
- Implement strict social distancing or other risk mitigating measures for those outside of 'bubbles'
- Implement additional hygiene measures
- Ensure infection control management plans are in place with designated isolation areas

#### **FACILITIES**

Providers will:

- Implement and adhere to capacity caps within buildings
- Provide hand sanitiser and cleaning facilities across sites
- Introduce extensive signage to remind guests of social distancing and good hygiene practices
- Where practical, introduce one way flows to assist social distancing
- Supervise high congestion areas to maintain social distancing
- Implement additional cleaning focusing on high risk and high use areas
- Sanitize dining equipment and furniture between use

All providers should ensure they adhere to the UK Outdoors COVID Secure Policy and Procedures where relevant <a href="https://ukoutdoors.org.uk/">https://ukoutdoors.org.uk/</a>

Providers will only provide residential educational visits if the venue is in a Tier 1, 2 or 3 location and will not accept guests from higher tiers.

- Remove soft furnishings that could harbour the virus where possible
- Maximise opportunities to ventilate all indoor spaces

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Providers will:

- Ensure accommodation is deep cleaned prior to occupancy
- Accommodation is allocated to maintain school bubbling
- Bathrooms are allocated for each bubble or an enhanced cleaning regime is in place
- Separate accommodation from their bubble is provided for Teachers and Instructors
- Sleeping areas are well-ventilated
- Linen laundered at 60 degrees

#### **CATERING**

Providers will:

- Segregate and stagger dining times to accommodate school bubbling
- Sanitize dining equipment and furniture between sittings
- Minimise self-service food
- Sterilise cutlery, crockery and serviettes
- Implement one-way systems and socially distanced queuing
- Ensure face coverings are worn by staff and guests at all times unless eating or exempt

## **ACTIVITIES**

All providers will:

- Conduct activities in accordance with relevant guidance from sporting governing bodies
- Modify activities to ensure social distancing
- Replace or move indoor activities outside where possible
- Ensure instructors wear appropriate PPE
- Minimise equipment sharing
- Enforce strict maintenance of hand hygiene
- Regularly disinfect equipment and quarantine where required

# **STAFFING**

Providers will:

- Ensure all staff undergo training in 'preventing the transmission of covid'
- Ensure staff social distance and wear PPE where required
- Ensure staff are health checked each day for symptoms or are tested regularly
- Split teams to ensure continued provision in the case of self-isolation
- Ensure staff have spare clothing if they have been exposed to virus or bodily fluids

# **TRAVEL**

Providers will:

- Support staggered arrivals
- Ensure transport providers adhere to Government guidance