

SCHOOL BOOKINGS TERMS & CONDITIONS

Recognising the benefit of learning away from the school message:

HSE fully recognises that learning outside the classroom helps to bring the curriculum to life - it provides deeper subject learning and increases self-confidence. It also helps pupils develop their risk awareness and prepares them for their future working lives. Striking the right balance between protecting pupils from risk and allowing them to learn from school trips has been a challenge for many schools, but getting this balance right is essential for realising all these benefits in practice.

Striking the right balance means that:

- schools and staff focus on real risks when planning trips;
- those running trips understand their roles, are supported, and are competent to lead or take part in them;
- the real risks are managed during the trip
- learning opportunities are experienced to the full.

Striking the right balance does not mean that:

- every aspect is set out in copious paperwork that acts as a security blanket for those organising the trip
- detailed risk assessment and recording procedures aimed at higher-risk adventure activities are used when planning lower-risk school trips.

School Booking Terms & Conditions:

- School rates are only available during weekdays in school term times
- School rates are only available for **20+ paying visitors**
- To qualify for the school rates, evidence of school status must be given, such as headed paper
- We regret that refunds cannot be offered in the event of cancellations, nonattendance or adverse weather conditions, except in exceptional circumstances and at our discretion
- Wristbands issued are only valid for the day/date specified for the booking
- Children under 17yrs need to be accompanied by a supervising adult (ratio 1 - 8)
- Unforeseen emergencies can be unavoidable so last minute closures may occur