

Conditions for non Plymouth City Council users

In the past it has been the practice of some voluntary groups to adopt the council's policy and guidance for the management of their own external visits. Plymouth City Council is happy for this to occur but would want to point out that it cannot accept liability for the content except where it is the employer or where the adoption is formally recognised by agreement or contract. It is essential that the responsible body has sufficient confidence in the measures that are referred to and which in some cases the safeguards rely upon. Any other users would need to satisfy themselves that they too have similar provisions and processes or adapt the content appropriately. There is a principle of self-evaluation and monitoring that applies throughout and is necessary to maintain the effectiveness of the guidance. In particular, as such use is not notified to the council, it has no means to consult over amendments, changes or withdrawals or circulation of related safety information. Therefore any group or organisation adopting these practices and principles needs to ensure that it can reliably provide its own support framework for keeping the contents up to date.

Supplements and additional notices are issued and will be attached to this site from time to time.

There is a facility for organisations to formally adopt this guidance and, by agreement be supported by the council, in return for a fee. They too are able to access telephone support and regular information updates. If requested then the procedures and practices external organisations employ can be monitored and their management will receive a formal reports.

Producing Outdoor Education Activities and Offsite Visits in web format makes the adoption and personalisation of its content easier. It is entirely possible, within the next few years that many parts of it will be produce in a form that is adopted nationally. When this happens it is likely that the council's current guidance will be amended to avoid duplication and focus on local circumstances. A good deal of the remainder can then be integrated into site-specific guidance produced by each council service. It is therefore strongly recommended that non Plymouth City Council organisations begin to personalise guidance and formally adopt it as there own on the basis that they too can use national common practice and concentrate their attention on aspects that are specific to them.