
RESIDENTIAL VISITS

May 12th 2021

In light of the government update on the 10th May, we will be reaching step 3 of the roadmap on Monday 17th May, this means schools can undertake domestic residential visits as long as they are conducted in line with relevant COVID-19 guidance and regulations in place at that time. Schools must keep children within their consistent groups (bubbles) for the purpose of the visit. They must meet the [Covid secure residential guidance](#).

Schools should read the full guidance prior to making a booking and completing Exeant forms. The Key points are listed below:

New Bookings

- You must ensure you have written financial security in place should the visit need to be cancelled due to COVID-19
- If you are an academy, please consult with your insurance provider to ensure suitable protection in the event of a COVID-19 related cancellation.

Domestic Residentials

- Group sizes must be approx. 30 pupils from the same bubble as in school.
- You can send multiple bubbles of 30 however the school and provider must ensure the integrity of the bubble is maintained throughout the visit, this includes not mixing staff.
- Parent helpers and carers who are not a normal part of the school bubble should not attend the visit, unless this is a reasonable adjustment to allow the inclusion of a child with additional needs (behaviour/medical/SEND), the parent would only be able to attend if they have a test prior to the visit and remain socially distanced from the rest of the pupils on the visit.
- Staff should be encouraged to take a Covid test prior to and after the visit.
- Secondary age children should be encouraged to take a Covid test prior to and after the visit.

Accommodation

- It is strongly encouraged that bubbles are broken down into smaller groups in sleeping areas and room sharing is limited as far as possible.
- The providers risk assessment will determine the appropriate size group for the rooms dependant on size and quality of the ventilation.
- It is recommended staff should have their own room.

Wash Facilities

- Your bubble should have access to your own wash facilities which should not be shared with other guests or bubbles.
- Shared toilet facilities are permitted.

Hospitality

- Each bubble should have exclusive access to hospitality facilities such as dining rooms.

Communal areas

- TV, leisure rooms can be exclusively used by a bubble.
- Swimming pools can be used exclusively by a bubble.

Travel

- Travel plans should reflect the system of controls and enable you to maintain the integrity and exclusivity of the educational visit bubble.

The Provider

They will need to share with you and confirm:

- They have assessed overnight sleeping arrangements in line with the size of the group that is expected to share rooms, considering the space and ventilation.
- How they will manage any Covid cases.
- Measures are in place to ensure effective and frequent sanitising and cleaning of any shared facility such as: bathrooms, kitchens, equipment, communal facilities and frequent touch surfaces.

The school

You will need to:

- Ensure the schools risk assessment covers the whole visit including the Covid measure.
- Set out a clear contingency plan for rapid response to someone showing symptoms, including isolation and repatriation.
- Ensure the provider has adhered to the points under the provider section.

[Hotels and other guest accommodation - Working safely during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)