

# **JOHN TAYLOR MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**



## **Educational Visits/Trips Policy**

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LGB procedures: Yes

## **Educational Visits and Trips at JTMAT Schools**

### **1.0 Underlying Principles:**

Educational visits are an important part of the curriculum, enriching pupils' learning experience and contributing to their personal and social development.

1.1 The policy below, and school-based procedures aim to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all participants
- Facilitate efficient planning and organisation
- Comply with statutory regulation and recommended best practice
- Protect colleagues from litigation over "duty of care"
- Enable access to educational visits commensurate with our responsibilities under the nine protected characteristics of the Equality Act, 2010.

### **2.0 Types of Off-site experience:**

2.1 Whilst we recognise that all off-site experiences carry value, there is an established hierarchy of visits that the Trust considers prior to giving approval. They are as outlined below:

**Category 1:** A *crucial* educational activity that is required to be undertaken by students in order to meet external assessment criteria. This is categorised as an Educational Visit (see Charging and Remissions Policy)

**Category 2:** An *important* educational activity that is embedded in curriculum and course delivery, whereby pupils' learning is significantly disadvantaged through non-attendance. This is categorised as an Educational Visit (see Charging and Remissions Policy)

**Category 3:** A *valuable* educational activity that relates closely to curricular content. This is categorised as a 'trip'.

**Category 4:** A *desirable* experience that promotes social and personal development, or an appreciation of the wider world. This is categorised as a 'trip'.

### **School Based Contextual Guidance and Procedures -**