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Stonar Short Courses Free Time Policy

Stonar Short Courses allows the student(s) a period of unsupervised free time outside of activity sessions which includes on-site free time for students aged 13 years and under and some free time off site for students aged 14 years old and over to go for a walk or visit the local shop.

Opportunities for students to leave the school site/staff supervision:

Students may leave their boarding house, during free time only, after they ask their Houseparent for permission. On each occasion, they must sign out from the house and sign back in on their return, they must remain in groups of 3 or more, be aged 14 or over if going off site, and have the consent agreed to by their parents/guardian via the booking form. These periods are only granted as set out in the timetabled free time periods.
Students are reminded that when they are offsite they are still representing the school and they should behave accordingly.

Excursions/Organised Trips

Excursions will include group activities which will be under staff supervision as well as some free time where students aged 14 years and over must adhere to the following conditions:

- All students remain in groups of 3 or more at all times.
- All students are made aware of the specific boundaries they must remain within during any free time period taken away from the School.
- All free time periods are of 90 minutes or less only.
- Students sign out and sign in with a houseparent on site and the Trip Leader on excursions.

An additional check is made before students depart to ensure they are carrying both the emergency telephone number, they are wearing their Stonar Short Courses lanyards and are aware of the boundaries, time constraints and meeting point (if on excursions).

Students aged 13 years and under will remain under staff supervision at all times whilst on excursions.

On trips and excursions away from the School, the Trip Leader is responsible for granting free time periods to students. The responsible staff member will use his/her discretion to decide on the appropriateness of granting free time periods and on the specific boundaries within which students should remain at all times.

The table below outlines the destinations students are allowed to go to when away from the School:

Location	Where allowed off-site	When allowed off-site	Who with
Stonar	Atworth Shop and local area	Free time period Monday to Saturday 13 years and under	Only with adult supervision
		Free time period Monday to Saturday 14 years and under	Minimum group of three
Excursions	Various	Weekend trips free time periods 13 years and under	Only with adult supervision
	Various	Weekend trips free time periods 14 years and over	Minimum group of three with staff at the destination