



National
Guidance

Frequently Asked Questions – Is it acceptable for a member of staff to take a family member on a visit?

If you are a parent (or otherwise closely related) to a young person taking part in outdoor learning or an off-site visit, you must be aware of the potential for your parental instincts to compromise the Visit Leader's plans for group management, particularly if there is a serious incident - where you may be distracted by parental instincts and the needs of your own son or daughter, rather than looking to the needs of the whole group.

This means that situations where you are assigned a leadership role that gives you a direct responsibility for your own child should be considered carefully. The above issues should be discussed and addressed during the risk-benefit assessment, and the group management on the day should take these issues into account.

