

Supporting Classroom Learning

- Learning is more effective when it comes through experiences
- Trips should support students to acquire first-hand knowledge about a new idea, piece of information or skill
- They should encourage practical application and practice of learning in real life settings
- Trips can consolidate classroom based learning and embed knowledge for students, especially those who learn in a more practical learners
- We are particularly fortunate to be based in London surrounded by a rich range of historical, artistic, cultural and religious settings

Example: Students learning about the seasons may visit a park to see and explore the effects in the change in weather first hand

Students learning about shapes visit a gallery to find shapes in the art

Students learning about The Victorians visit the Pauper Museum to experience life as a Victorian school child.

Functional Life Skills

- Educational visits provide an opportunity to develop various life-skills, such as team building, time management etc.
- There is the potential to develop skills in travel, safety and xx
- Students can practice vital skills for life in live scenarios and learn to respond to any challenge and change that presents in the real world

Example: Students learning about budgeting for a meal, visit the shop to purchase the items

Citizenship

- Taking learning outside of the classroom exposes students to the diversity of our environment and encourages understanding and respect for different faiths, cultures and ethnicities
- When students travel to different areas they are exposed to ideas, customs and social behavior of other groups
- Educational visits should encourage students to develop skills which make them active, considerate, successful citizens and enhance their perspective of the world

Example: Students may visit a market which sells a range of new foods Students may visit places of worship outside of their own faith

Enhancing Perspective/Critical Thinking

- Some students may have a limited range of experiences within their home lives and educational visits are an opportunity to broaden horizons and enhance perspectives
- Experiencing new ideas, activities and places helps students develop critical thinking skills and also deepens their understanding of their place in society
- These experiences can also help to develop their own view points, opinions and ideas about the world

Example: Students experience travelling by boat and discuss the ways this can impact on the environment

Communication

- At Parayhouse, our students all have speech, language and communication challenges
- Educational visits are an excellent opportunity to practice communication skills in real-life scenarios with people outside of the school community
- These experiences should aim to reinforce skills and build confidence
- Students should develop communication skills to effectively participate in society's and to deepen their independence and self-advocacy

Example: Student practice asking for directions or ordering items in a store

Additional Touchpoints

Sustainability R.E Geography History Science Equalities ICT Current New sporting opportunities **Affairs** experiences