



PORTHPEAN
OUTDOOR
EDUCATION CENTRE

CODE OF CONDUCT



INTRODUCTION

In preparation for your group's visit to Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre (POEC), we would ask you to share the following information with the parents/guardians of all children within your group to help ensure children are fully aware of the importance of behavioural expectations.

We believe that the majority of children visiting POEC will act in the expected manner. This will be helped by following clear structured boundaries made up of consistent rewards to get the most out of their time at POEC.

Your group will have a dedicated Village Leader who is there to support your staff and children throughout the experience. We will endeavour to help every child enjoy what POEC has to offer, to learn new skills, and to have fun!

EXPECTATIONS

We expect all children to follow their fundamental school rules throughout their time at POEC.

We will not accept:

- disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of an activity
- the use of loud or offensive language, swearing or using profane language
- using dialogue in a confrontational manner
- damaging or destroying POEC property
- the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child

RESPECT

We require all children to respect the rights of others at POEC and respect another's differences, while taking account of each other's needs.

REWARDS

The rewards are endless at POEC! We have a range of activities for all abilities. We positively encourage all children to take part and to succeed and celebrate their achievements. Our favourite activity is the weekly awards night to recognise and celebrate those children who have impressed the POEC staff. This could be through their positive attitudes, courage, focus, active listening, teamwork, compassion and empathy.

CONSEQUENCES

In the unlikely event of persistent/repeated poor behaviour that risks the safety or enjoyment of others, we will be forced to ask that the child's parents collect their child.

COASTAL AREAS

There are many dangers on the coast and many incidents affecting children have occurred by the sea. A high level of vigilance and close supervision is required near any stretch of water and particularly in tidal areas.

Remember that the sea is often very inviting and clear rules must be established. Misbehaviour could cause accidental immersion. Sudden immersion in cold, or even relatively warm, water can cause shock which could be very dangerous.

OUR PROMISE

We commit to delivering a fantastic experience throughout your visit. We want everyone to leave POEC with lifelong, happy memories. We are confident you will experience the very best in what a residential centre can offer. Namely, fantastic activities, comfortable accommodation, caring and experienced staff, as well as tasty, hearty food!

CHILD'S PROMISE

We ask each child to commit to the following:

- treat all centre staff with respect and show good manners throughout my time at POEC
- follow the rules and behaviour expectations explained in the Welcome Meeting on our arrival
- try my best in all activities to make the most out of my time
- encourage others and treat everyone with kindness
- stay with my group at all times
- look after the centre's property and equipment
- respect the natural environment, recycle where possible, and not drop any litter