

Trips Away from Home

Trips away from home include but are not limited to pilgrimages, day trips, overnight stays and holidays. During trips away from home the Pastoral Centre will implement the following additional guidelines.

- All trips need careful advance planning adequate provision for safety in regard to transport, facilities, activities and emergencies. Adequate insurance should be in place.
- Written parental consent specifically for each trip and related activities must be obtained well in advance.
- There must be adequate, gender appropriate, supervision for boys and girls.
- Arrangements and procedures must be put in place to ensure that rules and appropriate boundaries are maintained in the relaxed environment of a relaxed atmosphere.
- Particular attention should be given to ensuring that the privacy of young people is respected when they are away on trips.
- Sleeping areas for boys and girls should be separate and supervised by two adults of the same sex.
- At least two adults should be present in dormitories in which children or young people are sleeping under no circumstances should an adult share a bedroom with a young person.
- If an emergency situation, an adult considers it necessary to be in a dormitory or bedroom with out another adult present they should (a) immediately inform another responsible adult, and (b) make a diary note of the circumstances.
- Those who have special needs should be accommodated where possible.