

Avon Tyrrell Unsupervised Child and Young Person Policy

Guidelines for Parents/Carers

The following information has been designed in line with NSPCC and UK government guidelines to help you make an informed and safe decision about whether your child should be left at Avon Tyrrell to take part in a structured event (such as Go Adventure) without direct supervision from you or another appointed responsible adult.

Each child or young person is unique, and an individual, so in practice each will be ready for having new responsibilities at a different time. You have the responsibility to know whether the opportunity for independence is appropriate for your child, and whether they are mature enough to step up to their responsibilities and keep themselves safe.

It is important to remember that being unattended at Avon Tyrrell is very different to other environments such as a leisure centre or local parks- our site is very large, with a number of potential hazards such as deep open water, barbed wire fences and large moving vehicles. If you decide it is appropriate to leave a young person at Avon Tyrrell, they will not be supervised by anyone outside of the structured event- although help will of course be given by our staff in emergencies.

The following structure aims to provide you with carefully considered rules and guidelines specific to this type of structured event to help ensure your child or young person is safe while visiting Avon Tyrrell.

7 years and under

- Children must remain under direct supervision from a responsible adult at all times.

8 to 15 year olds

- Young people and responsible adults must **both** be comfortable and confident that being left unattended is appropriate.
- Young people must have a completed wrist band showing key information (supplied from Reception).
- Young people and responsible adults must pre-arrange appropriate drop off and collection times and locations on site, and be aware what to do if either is unsure or plans disrupted.

16 and 17 year olds

- Young people aged 16 and 17 are able to independently visit Avon Tyrrell without any further guidelines.

Young people with additional needs

- Young people who are unable to self administer any required medication or who may require support for personal care tasks (such as toileting) should not be left unattended on this session- but are very welcome to participate with a responsible adult overseeing.
- Young people with a disability or condition which would require additional support that cannot reasonably be given by the instructor should not be left unattended on this session- but are very welcome to participate with a responsible adult overseeing and supporting as necessary.

Our Funday activities which run during school holidays and weekends are perfect for any child or young person aged between 5 and 12 years old, and are structured so that you can leave them in our care for the duration, in the knowledge they will be fully supervised throughout.