

Oxford International Junior Programmes

Supervision Ratios

The Department for Education and Science publication Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits (1998) advises the following:

The supervision ratio of adults to students for ages

- 8 to 10 is **1:10-15**
- 11+ is **1:15-20**

Group Leaders (responsible adults who travel with students) will be included in these ratios only for the students with which they travel.

These ratios apply to both on site activities and off site excursions. If an activity/excursion is risk assessed to be in need of higher ratios of staff, staffing will be increased accordingly.

Further to this, we apply the following supervision guidelines for free time on scheduled excursions.

- Under 12 years old – no unsupervised free time. Must remain with OIEG staff or group leader at all times
- 12-14 years old – one hour unsupervised free time before returning to meeting point for registration (must stay in groups of min 3 students)
- 15-17 years old – two hours' unsupervised free time before returning to meeting point for registration (must stay in groups of min 3 students)

Staff Agreement:

“I have read and understood this document, and I agree to adopt its contents as standard”

| Staff name | Job title | 2019 (initials and date) |
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NOTE: If staff can reasonably justify their actions then flexibility may be on occasion permitted, particularly where new problems are identified or new precautions deemed necessary.