

## POE84 Hawarden village Church School

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

[Bil arfaethedig – Bil Addysg Awyr Agored \(Cymru\)](#) | [Proposed Outdoor Education \(Wales\) Bill](#)

Ymateb gan Hawarden village Church School, | Evidence from Hawarden village Church School,

Are you (your organisation) currently a provider of outdoor education?: No

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### Your opinion

How important is outdoor education to children and young people's overall education and development?

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Very important

What are the main benefits to children and young people from having a residential outdoor education experience?

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Independence, confidence, enjoyment. Outdoor learning is needed now more than ever as young people do not use the outdoors anywhere near previous generations. Through COVID this has been made worse by having to stay indoors and away from people which has lessened their resilience beyond belief.

Should children and young people have a guaranteed opportunity to participate in a residential outdoor education experience, at some stage during their school years, if they wish to?

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Yes

Should an opportunity to participate in a residential outdoor education experience, at some stage during their school years, be free of charge on one occasion to pupils?

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Yes

What are the main barriers which you believe currently exist to children and young people accessing residential outdoor education experiences?

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Financial constraints;Patental anxiety / uncertainty;Child anxiety / uncertainty;

Equality Considerations: Could the proposed Bill have any positive impacts on some children and young people in particular? If so, who and why?

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The chance to experience the outdoors with professional and learn about how to keep themselves safe in that environment is vital. ALL young people should have an opportunity to learn and experience the outdoors.

Equality Considerations: Could the proposed Bill have any negative impacts on some children and young people in particular. If so, who and why? What could this Bill do to mitigate any negative impacts?

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None

What age do you believe is most suitable for children and young people to be offered an opportunity to undertake a residential outdoor education experience?

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Year 6 (age 10-11)

Is four nights/five days the best length for a residential outdoor experience?

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No

Please explain your answer and highlight any possible implications from having a standard approach of four night/five day experiences (whether positive or negative).

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It is a long time, i think 2 nights and 3 days would be better

Do you agree there is a need for legislation to ensure all children and young people are given an opportunity to access a residential outdoor education experience, at some stage during their school years?

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Strongly agree

Is there anything else you would like to say about this proposal?

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