

Coach and Parent/Carer Responsibilities Around LVPC Training Sessions

Start time

- Coaches will only assume responsibility for children at the start time of a session (this includes any session briefings before getting on the water).
- Parents/carers are therefore responsible for their child's safe transportation to the training venue, and for their child's safety on site up until the beginning of the training session (or the session briefing).

Traveling alone

- We recommend that any children under the age of 10 are accompanied by a parent/carers on the way to and from training sessions (this is in line with expectations in education settings).
- We would not recommend under 12s traveling alone if their commuting time is over 10 minutes (according to the NSPCC children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time). This can be negotiated and other relevant factors considered in decision making if required (e.g. route home, time of day).
- For any child under 16 traveling to or from training alone, we require confirmation from parents/carers that they consent to this and that they take responsibility for ensuring their child is capable and comfortable to do this safely.
- Children traveling with older siblings are not required to provide parental consent so long as at least one sibling is over 14.
- It's not recommended for any child under 16 to travel alone after dark.
- Parents/carers must make every effort to collect their child on time.

After a session

- Coaches will remain responsible for children under 16 until the end of the training session where the child has a parent/carers present, OR has parental consent to travel home alone. Otherwise, the coach will remain responsible until the child's parent/carers has collected them.
- If a parent/carers is late to collect a child who does not have parental consent to travel alone, a member of staff must wait with the child until their parent/carers arrives. Where possible more than one staff member, or another child and/or their parent/carers, should also wait with them to avoid a 1:1 scenario. If this is not achievable the coach should try

to wait with the child in view of the general public (not in secluded rooms or cars). If the weather is poor it may be advisable to wait indoors to ensure the child stays warm and dry (this should be explained to the child and their parent/carer on collection).

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