

TGPAL – Learning Zone Policy

What Is A Learning Zone?

The Learning Zone is a predetermined, walkable area around the academy that has already been risk-assessed and can be used by staff in lessons without having to plan a trip on eVisit. The purpose of this is to make it easier for staff to use our local community and surrounding area to take learning outside the classroom. There are all sorts of spaces there that could be used creatively by teachers. Permission will be given by parents for the whole academic year, so you do not have to organise and collect consent slips.

How do you use the learning zone?

If you wish to use the learning zone you must follow these Standard Operating Procedures:

- Inform the EVC at least 24 hours before going.
- Read through the risk assessment and follow all procedures on it.
- Leave a LZAP (Learning Zone Action Plan with reception prior to departure and inform reception of your return.
- Comply with staff ratios years 1-3 (1:6) and years 4-6 (1:15)
- Ensure students requiring medication for existing conditions (e.g. asthma, allergies, epilepsy etc) are carrying it.
- Ensure staff and students are wearing/carrying suitable footwear, clothing and other items (e.g. filled water bottles) appropriate for the weather conditions.
- Take a mobile phone and ensure the school office have your number and you have theirs.
- Carry a first aid kit and act as the appointed First Aider for the duration of the trip if no actual first aider is present.
- All injuries to be reported directly to the academy's first aid lead, and parents informed.
- Carry out continuous 'dynamic risk assessments' and make sensible decisions to avoid students or staff being exposed to unnecessary or heightened risk
- Any additional risks that you encounter need to be reported to (Michelle Wong) or the educational visits co-ordinator upon your return to the Academy so the RA can be updated.

You do not need to:

- Send a letter home
- Complete eVisit

The Learning Zone is only for academy staff-led teaching and does not include externally run activities or visits requiring transport.

Who can use the Learning Zone?

Any member of staff who has been to an EVC-led Learning Zone training session.

Ideas for how the Learning Zone can effectively be used

Please see the map attached.

The Learning Zone includes, but is not limited to:

- Old Edwardians Rugby Club
- Tudor Grange Leisure centre
- Shirley Baptist Church
- Bike ability local roads

- St Margarets Church
- The Olton Project
- Langley Hall Park



There could be various learning activities aligned with these places, for example:

- To learn about Islam and to understand if going to a mosque gives Muslims a sense of belonging.
- To understand for Christmas for Christians.
- Geographical focus – looking at the local environment, finding physical and human features.
- Provide opportunities for local sporting events including Rugby, football and athletics competitions.
- Enabling children to showcase their performing arts skills within a theatrical environment.
- Studying animals in their natural habitats.
- Support children to use the roads safely on their bikes.

All activities will be supervised by MOS and have the students' safety as priority.

The major road crossings within the Learning Zone have been identified and where possible MOS and children should:

- Use pedestrian crossings.
- Use traffic light controlled crossing on the main Stratford Road and Warwick Road.
- Use pedestrian crossing over Blossomfield road.
- Route map for bike ability to be submitted by instructors prior to taking children out.

Where this is not possible ensure a MOS stops the traffic and dynamically assess any risks.

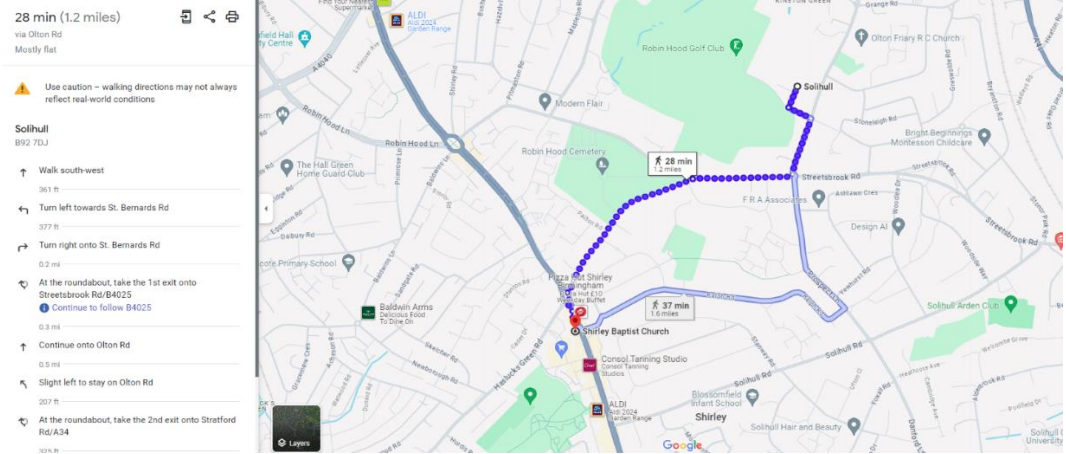
Learning Zone Risk Assessment

Generic Risk Assessment for all Learning Zone Activities , TGPAL
Educational objectives: Local community spaces within a predetermined area that can be used creatively.

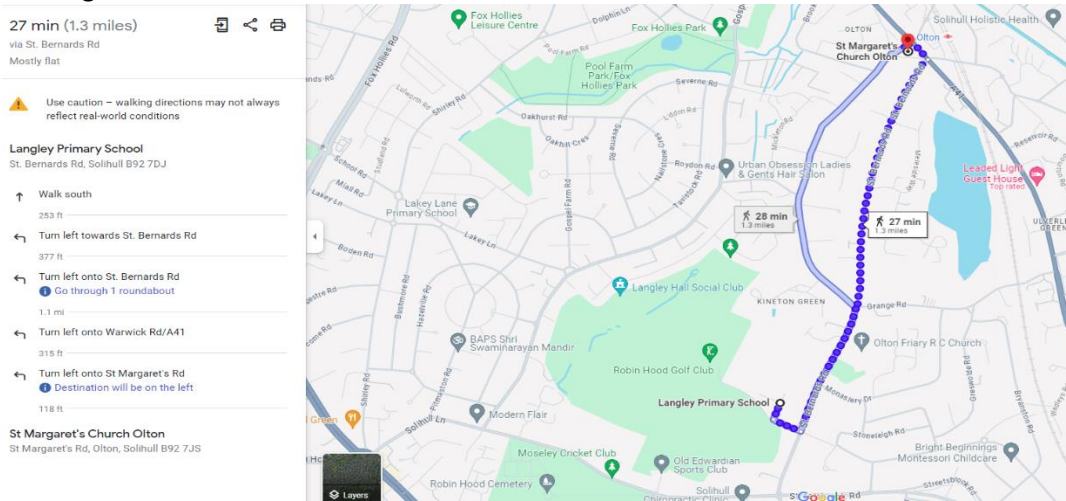
Significant Hazards and Identification of Risks	A combination of the following control measures should be used:
Lost Pupil Injuries – slips, trips and falls Road traffic Members of the public Bodies of water, including the canal Weather (including heat and cold injury) Flora and fauna (including deadfall, poisonous plants - e.g. nettles - biting and stinging insects, ticks, dogs/animals belonging to members of the public etc) Pre-existing medical conditions	- Students will stay together with the teacher and will follow the staff to student ratio. - Students will not be left alone and will be in groups of no less than two. - Staff to ensure pupils understand arrangements, that they are part of a school party and must stay with the group and follow instructions. - All activities will be within walking distance of the academy so self-evacuation is feasible. - Staff to brief students on suitable behaviour when crossing roads and use crossings. The five major road crossings are marked on the map. - Staff to brief students on sensible behaviour when walking to site, to include staying on paths and being considerate of members of the public sharing the path. - Staff to remind students to be respectful to members of the public, and to alert staff if they see signs of unsociable behaviour from members of the public. - Staff to brief students about staying away from water edges and to act sensibly around any water. Staff to remain vigilant around water and constantly supervise the students. - Frequent head counts, including when leaving school and returning. - LZAP register to be left at student services. - Staff to be in possession of a working mobile phone and will contact the Academy - Staff to brief students to be aware of and keep food away from pigeons, sea gulls, swans, ducks etc so as to not encourage them. - Staff to brief students to stay away from any dogs, cats or other animals in public spaces and not to touch them. - Staff to be aware of the risk of Lyme disease and brief students to beware of ticks (e.g. when in long grass and woodland) and to check themselves for ticks on leaving an area that potentially housed them. - If students are conducting fieldwork around water edges, staff to ensure students wash their hands after touching the water and avoid getting cuts/fresh grazes immersed in water.

Appendix A – Regular visits routes

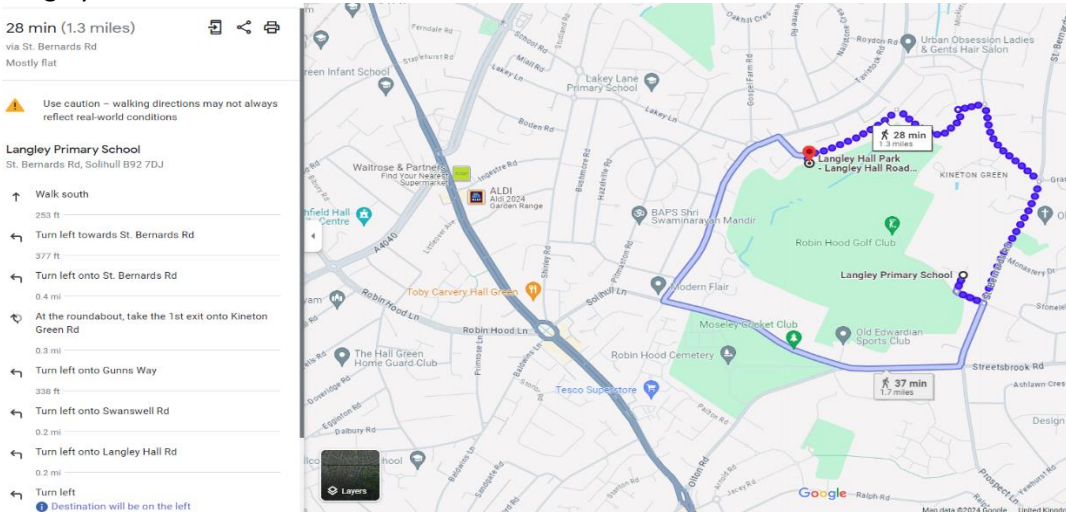
Shirley Baptist Church



St Margarets Church



Langley Hall Park



The Olton Project

25 min (1.2 miles)

via St. Bernards Rd and Kineton Green Rd
Mostly flat

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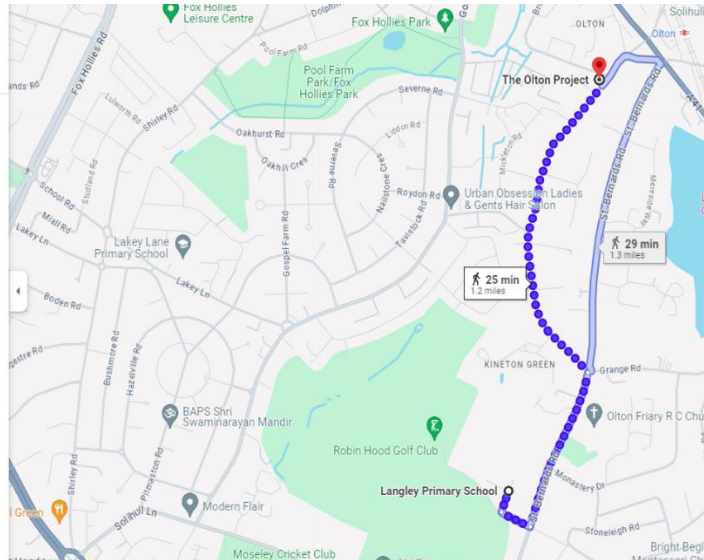
Langley Primary School

St. Bernards Rd, Solihull B92 7DJ

- ↑ Walk south
253 ft
- ↶ Turn left towards St. Bernards Rd
377 ft
- ↶ Turn left onto St. Bernards Rd
0.4 mi
- ↻ At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Kineton Green Rd
Destination will be on the left
0.7 mi

The Olton Project

Kineton Green Rd, Olton, Solihull B92 7DY



Langley Secondary school

13 min (0.6 mile)

via St. Bernards Rd
Mostly flat

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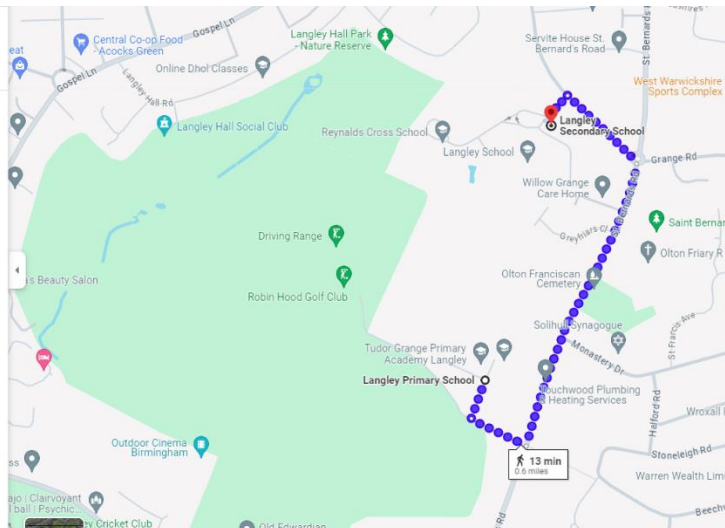
Langley Primary School

St. Bernards Rd, Solihull B92 7DJ

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253 ft
- ↶ Turn left towards St. Bernards Rd
377 ft
- ↶ Turn left onto St. Bernards Rd
0.4 mi
- ↻ At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Kineton Green Rd
0.1 mi
- ↶ Turn left
Destination will be on the left
210 ft

Langley Secondary School

Kineton Green Rd, Solihull B92 7ER



Old Edwardians Rugby club

15 min (0.6 mile)

via St. Bernards Rd and Streetsbrook Rd/B4025
Mostly flat

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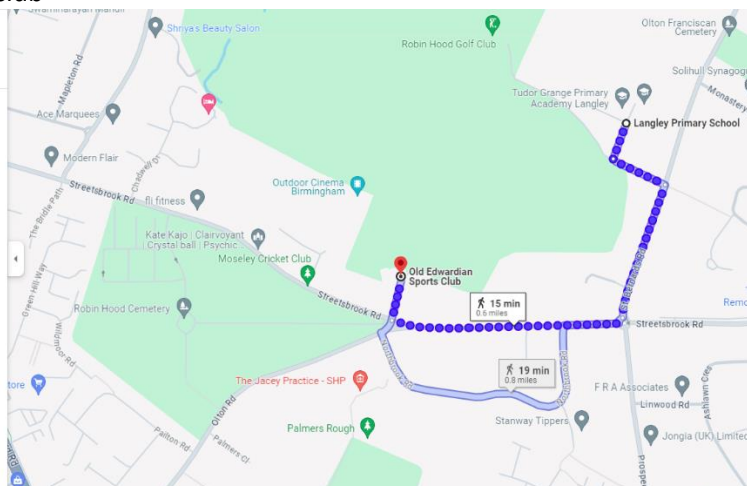
Langley Primary School

St. Bernards Rd, Solihull B92 7DJ

- ↑ Walk south
253 ft
- ↶ Turn left towards St. Bernards Rd
377 ft
- ↷ Turn right onto St. Bernards Rd
0.2 mi
- ↻ At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Streetsbrook Rd/B4025
0.3 mi
- ↷ Turn right at Olton Rd
262 ft

Old Edwardian Sports Club

Streetsbrook Rd, Shirley, Solihull B90 5PE



Tudor Grange Leisure centre

32 min (1.5 miles)
via Streetsbrook Rd/B4025 and Dorchester Rd
Mostly flat

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Langley Primary School
St. Bernards Rd, Solihull B92 7DJ

- Walk south
259 ft
- Turn left
0.2 mi
- Turn left onto Stoneleigh Rd
30 ft
- Turn right onto Beechwood Park Rd
0.1 mi
- Turn right onto Miall Park Rd
387 ft
- Turn left to stay on Miall Park Rd
62 ft
- Turn left onto Streetsbrook Rd/B4025
0.6 mi
- Turn right onto Dorchester Rd
0.5 mi

