

Supervision ratios and arrangements

2026/1

Students are expected to participate in all aspects of our courses. Outside of lesson times, there is a programme of sports and activities, and during this time, students will be supervised in a ratio of 1:25 for 12 – 18-year-olds and 1:15 for students from 7 - 11. Students who are not participating in the organised activities do not have permission to return to their houses, or to leave the campus, unless they have been given permission by their group leader, who will then take on the supervisory role.

All students will be registered three times each day: in classes (am or pm) at the pre-activity meeting (am or pm) and in their accommodation in the evening. Teachers will take the register in the first class of the day. The Social Programme Management team with the cooperation with Group leaders will be responsible for taking the roll call before activities. Group Leaders will take a register at the accommodation in the evening.

On excursions, students will be supervised by Elac staff and Group Leaders together in a ratio of 1:25 for Voyagers and Trailblazers and 1:12 for the Explorers. Students will be always supervised, with one exception - when the group have completed their excursion visit, the students may be given some free time. However, if the children are under 16, then this only happens on certain conditions:

- The students are in groups of at least 3 and remain together.
- The students all have their Elac Emergency Contact Cards with them.
- The teachers have a mobile contact number for each group of children (and vice-versa).
- A meeting point and time are clearly established.
- Safety reminders are repeated to the students (roads, strangers).
- Clear limits are put on the area where they can go independently.

Students who are 10 years old will remain with an adult throughout the excursion.

Elac staff and Group Leaders share responsibility on the excursion. The Elac staff members have the overall responsibility for the safety of the students on the excursion and for the itinerary. Group leaders have responsibility for ensuring that all the members of the group are present and accounted for.

For certain higher risk activities, swimming, archery etc, we use qualified staff for supervision, both on-site or off-site.