

Appendix 3.2: Groups Under Remote Supervision (GURS)

On some FSC courses, there may be a desire to remotely supervise groups. This approach as part of the organised educational experience, enables the group to have the broadest experience, collect more or independent data, visit more sites and by doing so, develop their own personal skills. Examples of where this may occur include Geography NEAs, Duke of Edinburgh Award and navigation exercises.

FSC has a set of procedures to follow when working with GURS including:

- Participants are fully briefed and equipped, before they carry out their activity.
- Sites used with GURS are risk assessed by FSC.
- Appropriate support e.g. first aid equipment is provided.
- Communication systems are in place including emergency and non-emergency contact.

Whilst FSC staff will remain responsible for the remote supervision of the group the assistance of group leaders in supervising 'GURS' can support this delivery. This is not essential, although its use will maximise the groups experience.

If you would like some/all of the visiting group leader(s) support the remote supervision of your participants, potentially in a different location to the FSC tutor return a signed copy of this form.

All visiting staff involved in remote supervision will need to:

- Agree your role with the Tutor in advance of the activity.
- Support FSC staff in ensuring there is a clear record of who is working where, when they are due back and appropriate communication systems are in place.
- Uphold the specifics of the safety briefing and control measures given to the group by FSC staff, and by monitoring behaviour.
- Be a point of contact for participants, with remote support from the Tutor and the Centre.
- Support FSC staff with remote supervision e.g. visiting the groups as frequently as necessary, shadowing from a distance, waiting at a check point, contacting groups in person or contacting them on the phone.
- Support FSC staff in responding to GURS emergency and non-emergency contact.

If permission is not given please note that the number of sites at which your group can work will be restricted.

Please confirm to your FSC course organiser prior to your group's arrival at the centre that your school/college/institution/organisation agrees that your staff are competent to act as part of the GURS remote supervision system.

Signed Institution/Organisation

Print Date

Return this signed form to the Centre you are visiting.