



A new tool to help you achieve and demonstrate outstanding teaching

Learning outside the classroom (LOtC) is most successful when it is an integral element of long-term curriculum planning and closely linked to classroom activities. (**Ofsted**, *Learning outside the classroom, how far should you go?* 2008)

LOtC Mark is the first national accreditation for schools, nurseries and other educational establishments which recognises and supports the development of learning outside the classroom across all subject areas. The criteria measure the processes and procedures in place within a school to support and facilitate LOtC, and ensure that it is an everyday part of school life.

Benefits of applying for LOtC Mark:

- A tool to help you make best use of LOtC to raise achievement for all pupils and across all subject areas.
- An independent perspective to benchmark your provision at Bronze, Silver or Gold level and advise you on how to improve based on where other LOtC schools nationwide are excelling.
- A framework for development to assist you to implement effective strategies, processes and procedures in order to help you demonstrate effective leadership and management.
- Recognition for your achievements in integrating LOtC into everyday teaching and learning to help you celebrate what is great about your school compared with others.
- An aid to help you gain and mobilise the support of colleagues, parents, governors and the community around your school.

LOtC Mark was launched in 2012 by CLOtC*, the national charity for LOtC and awarding body for the LOtC Quality Badge**. To register your interest in applying and receive full guidance on making an application email awards@lotc.org.uk

*The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC) is the national voice for LOtC, championing opportunities for all children and young people to benefit from high quality and varied educational experiences. CLOtC provides free guidance on planning, running and evaluating LOtC experiences. www.lotc.org.uk

**The LOtC Quality Badge is an accreditation scheme for providers of educational visits. LOtC Quality Badge holders have been rigorously assessed as providing good quality and safe educational provision. Selecting a venue that holds the LOtC Quality Badge will give you assurance and help you reduce red tape when planning LOtC experiences. To search for LOtC Quality Badge holders in your area visit www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk