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Volunteer Paperwork Pack

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(A) Volunteer Application Form

Name of volunteer:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone:

What skills / areas would you like to help with in school?

Are there any particular age groups / classes you would like to work with?

Do you have any disabilities / other needs we need to take into account when working as a volunteer in school? *(please give applicable details)*

Have you ever worked in a school?

Please give details of your availability...

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. As part of our commitment, we need to ensure that all potential employees satisfy our employment checks.

Please note that where appropriate, potential volunteers will be required to undertake further checks, including references, and will be required to provide a Disclosure from the DBS. Rehabilitation of Offenders Act

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as 'spent', must be declared.

Please use the space below to give details of any convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as 'spent'. If there are none please write 'none':

Date form completed:

Signature:

(B) Volunteer Policy

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

1) Introduction

Our school benefits from developing well planned active parental and community links.

Participation by adults in the activities of the school on a voluntary basis helps to achieve this. We believe that volunteers are a welcome resource and bring with them a range of skills and experience which can enhance the learning opportunities of all children, without encroaching on the professional teaching responsibilities of the class teacher.

2) Aim

The aim of this policy is to establish expectations for both staff and volunteers regarding the work undertaken by volunteers and their conduct whilst in school.

3) Categories of Volunteer

Volunteers could include any of the following (this list is not exhaustive):

- Members of the Governing Body
- Parents, carers, guardians, elder siblings or grandparents of pupils
- Students on work experience or placement
- University Students
- Ex-members of staff
- Local residents
- Staff family members

4) Types of Activities

- Activities volunteers may be engaged in could include any of the following:
- Hearing children read
- Working with small groups of children
- Working alongside individual children
- Undertaking art and craft activities with small groups of children
- Working with children on computers
- Preparing resources for a future lesson
- Accompanying school visits
- Escorting children on local walks
- Running or assisting with an after-school club
- Social activities such as running a disco
- Fund raising activities such as running a cake stall or Summer Fair
- Interviewing children on a governor visit
- Helping at lunchtime

5) Becoming a Volunteer

Anyone wishing to work as a volunteer who will be in school on a regular basis or a one-off occasion completing a work placement should request an application form from the school office and paperwork pack which includes the required forms. This should be completed and returned with the necessary original

identity documents to facilitate a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) clearance check if required. Where the volunteering is a placement linked to a course of study the cost of the DBS (if required) will be met by the volunteer (or his/her college). The Headteacher (or staff member with delegated responsibility) will interview the potential volunteer and an appropriate placement will be agreed. This will be in a class which has no family connection to the applicant. A regular day and time will be agreed and the applicant will be expected to sign all relevant documentation.

An entry will be made on the school's **Single Central Record** and a file maintained with the confidential details of the volunteer which will be retained by school for 7 years after the volunteer resigns from their volunteering responsibilities.

The exceptions to this are:

- A) Work Experience Student or University Placements who apply via their educational establishment as it is expected that all necessary safeguarding checks have been carried out by the educational establishment before arriving at the School. The student will not be placed in a class with any family connection.
- B) One-off volunteers ie. assisting with a school walk, a fund raising event or a school visit will not usually require a DBS. **Care should be taken to ensure these volunteers are not unsupervised and do not have sole responsibility for a group of children.**

If there is any doubt as to the level of checks required, a decision should be sought from the Headteacher.

6) Information on the Role of a Volunteer

Values

All adults who work in school are expected to work and behave in such a way as to promote the following values which are to:

- ✓ Lay the foundations of a good education in a caring environment.
- ✓ Enable children to attain the highest standards of which they are capable.
- ✓ Recognise and celebrate the achievements of our pupils.
- ✓ Have high expectations of behaviour, and encourage children to become useful and considerate members of the community.
- ✓ Establish and maintain an effective partnership with parents and the wider community.

Volunteers' Expectations from School Volunteers in school should expect to:

- ✓ Be recognised for their valuable contribution to the learning experience for the children they support
- ✓ Be assigned worthwhile tasks
- ✓ Access to any school policies or procedures that are relevant to their role
- ✓ Access any training that is necessary for the success of their activities

School's Expectations from Volunteers

- ✓ School expects all volunteers to:
- ✓ Adhere to the name protocol for staff.
- ✓ Adhere to school policies.

- ✓ Where volunteers are exposed to confidential information about pupils or their parents or carers, volunteers must not reveal such information except to those colleagues who have a professional role in relation to the pupil.
- ✓ Work under the supervision and direction of staff.
- ✓ Be role models for the children they work with.
- ✓ Wear appropriate, smart but casual dress.
- ✓ **Refer any behavioural or safeguarding concerns and not to attempt to deal with any such issues themselves.**
- ✓ Use the staffroom but be reminded of school policies as stated above.
- ✓ Commit to a regular window of time to allow teachers to plan activities to include the volunteer.
- ✓ Advise school as soon as possible when it is not possible to attend.
- ✓ Be familiar with school evacuation procedure and follow staff instruction.

7) General Information

Security - All volunteers must sign in and out of the visitors' book and wear a visitor badge for the duration of their volunteering session.

Valuables – Please try not to bring valuables into school. If you have to, keep them with you at all times or leave them in the office for safety.

Fire drill – there are notices by the door of each classroom in the school telling you which route to take to the assembly point, which is in the playground. Please stay with the teacher you have been working with. If working in any other part of the school, please make your way to the nearest exit and go to the assembly point.

Refreshments – Please check with your teacher about these.

Dress– You should dress in appropriate, smart but casual dress.

Interactions - When talking with children please remember that they can be sensitive to your comments. The Behaviour Policy aims to develop everyone's self-esteem, self-confidence and self-discipline through praise and encouragement.

Equalities The Equalities Act (2010) should ensure that no one will be allowed to behave in a manner that discriminates against an individual on the grounds of Age; Disability; Gender Reassignment; Marriage and Civil Partnership; Pregnancy and Maternity; Race; Religion or Belief; Sex; Sexual Orientation.

Toilets – Please ensure you use the staff toilets.

Damages - Please report any accidents, breakages or malfunctions to a member of staff without delay.

Injuries - All injuries or accidents involving children must be referred to a member of staff immediately so that they can deal with the child.

8) Complaints Procedure

Any complaints made by a volunteer or about a volunteer will be referred to the Headteacher (or a delegated staff member) for investigation.

The Headteacher (or delegated staff member in her absence) reserves the right to take the following action:

- To speak with a volunteer about the complaint or behaviour and seek reassurance it will not be repeated.
- Offer an alternative placement or activity for a volunteer.

- Inform the volunteer that the placement has been withdrawn

9) Child protection/Safeguarding

**** Any Safeguarding Concerns about a child should be reported immediately using the school's Safeguarding referral process. ****

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead** is _____.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead Alternate** is _____, who can also be contacted with any safeguarding concerns.

The **named safeguarding governor** is _____ (who can be contacted via the school office).

The **Chair of Governors** is _____ (who can also be contacted via the school office).

The **Online Safety Lead** is _____.

If your concerns relate to a member of staff, you need to report these concerns immediately to the Headteacher, If your concerns relate to the conduct of the Headteacher, you need to report your concerns immediately to the Chair of Governors.

When working with children, always make sure you can be seen by a member of staff. You should not be left alone in a room with a child in a one-to-one context. This is important for the children and it is important for you as an adult so that there can never be a misinterpretation of behaviour either by the child or an adult. Please do not initiate or encourage physical contact as this may be misinterpreted. Any pupil behaviour problems should be reported to the class teacher so that it can be dealt with immediately.

Please note that you will be required to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) clearance check. Should the outcome of the check be unsatisfactory you will be unable to help in school.

(C) Volunteers' Code of Conduct

1) Introduction

The school has decided to set out a **Code of Conduct** for all school volunteers. This must be read, understood and signed by volunteers before volunteering. Volunteers should be aware that failure to comply with the following Code of Conduct could result in them being told that their offer of support and help is no longer required. Volunteers should also be aware that in the event of a breach of this code, this information will be stored on school file and will be used if the school is asked to act as a referee or support an application. It will also be used if a volunteer applies for a post within this setting.

2) Purpose, scope and principles

This **Code of Conduct** applies to volunteers and visitors and is designed to give clear guidance on the standards of behaviour all volunteers are expected to observe, and the school should notify volunteers of this code and the expectations before commencement of the voluntary work. As with school staff, volunteers are role models and are in a unique position of influence and must adhere to behaviour that sets a good example to all the pupils/students within the school. As a member of a school community, each volunteer has an individual responsibility to maintain their reputation and the reputation of the school, whether inside or outside working hours.

3) Setting an Example

All volunteers who support in schools set examples of behaviour and conduct which can be copied by pupils/students. Volunteers must therefore avoid using inappropriate or offensive language at all times. All volunteers must, therefore, demonstrate high standards of conduct in order to encourage our pupils to do the same.

All volunteers must also avoid putting themselves at risk of allegations of abusive or unprofessional conduct.

This **Code of Conduct** helps all volunteers to understand what behaviour is and is not acceptable.

4) Safeguarding pupils

Volunteers have a duty to safeguard pupils/students from:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Radicalisation

The duty to safeguard pupils includes the duty to report concerns about a pupil to the school's Designated Safeguarding lead (DSL) for Child Protection.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead** is _____.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead Alternate** is _____, who can also be contacted with any safeguarding concerns.

The **named safeguarding governor** is _____ (who can be contacted via the school office).

The **Chair of Governors** is _____ (who can also be contacted via the school office).

The **Online Safety Lead** is _____.

Volunteers are provided with personal copies of the school's Safeguarding policy and must be familiar with this document.

Volunteers are provided with personal copies of Part 1 of 'Keeping children safe in education 2016 and must be familiar with this document.

Volunteers must not seriously demean or undermine pupils, their parents or carers, or colleagues.

Volunteers must take reasonable care of pupils/students under their supervision with the aim of ensuring their safety and welfare.

5) Pupil development

Volunteers must comply with school policies and procedures that support the well-being of pupils.

Volunteers must co-operate and collaborate with colleagues and with external agencies where necessary to support the development of pupils/students.

Volunteers must follow reasonable instructions that support the development of pupils.

6) Honesty and integrity

Volunteers must maintain high standards of honesty and integrity in their support. This includes the handling and claiming of money and the use of school property and facilities.

Conduct outside work

Volunteers must not engage in conduct outside work which could seriously damage the reputation and standing of the school or the volunteer's own reputation or the reputation of other members of the school community.

In particular, criminal offences that involve violence or possession or use of illegal drugs or sexual misconduct are likely to be regarded as unacceptable.

Volunteers must exercise caution when using technology and be aware of the risks to themselves and others.

Volunteers must not engage in inappropriate use of social network sites which may bring themselves, the school, school community or employer into disrepute.

They must not refer to events/issues/incidents that have happened in school nor must they mention names of pupils or staff at the school.

It is recommended that volunteers **do not** indicate this school as a place in which they are supporting.

7) Confidentially

Where volunteers are exposed to confidential information about pupils or their parents or carers, volunteers must not reveal such information except to those colleagues who have a professional role in relation to the pupil.

All volunteers are likely at some point to witness actions which need to be confidential. For example, where a pupil is upset by another pupil (or by a member of staff), this needs to be reported and dealt with in accordance with the appropriate school procedure. It must not be discussed outside the school, including with the pupil's parent or carer, nor with colleagues in the school except with a senior member of staff with the appropriate role and authority to deal with the matter.

However, volunteers have an obligation to share with the school's **Designated Safeguarding Lead** any information which gives rise to concern about the safety or welfare of a pupil. Volunteers must **never** promise a pupil that they will not act on information that they are told by the pupil/student.

All volunteers need to recognise that failure to meet these standards of behaviour and conduct will result in their offer of volunteering being removed.

I have read the School's Volunteer **Code of Conduct** and I understand the expectations the school has regarding my behaviour.

	Name (PRINT)
	Signature
	Date

(D) Regular Visitors and Volunteers Induction Office Checklist

Visitor / Volunteer Name:	
Role:	
Induction Process overseen by:	

Tick/date	Checklist
	Completed volunteer application form and been interviewed.
	Read through the School's Volunteer Policy
	Read and signed the School's Volunteer Code of Conduct
	<u>Basic Safeguarding Induction</u> session completed focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The four types of abuse.✓ Who the Designated Professional for Safeguarding is (and who the alternates are).✓ How to report concerns.✓ The government's '<i>Prevent Strategy</i>'.
	Provided with the Safeguarding Policy
	Read Part 1- Keeping Children Safe in education
	Prevent Training completed
	DBS check completed. Added to SCR