

HAWLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Agreement for Adults Helping in School and on School Educational Visits.

Thank you for offering to help in school and /or with our educational visits. Parent helpers are invaluable, and we thank you for your time.

DISCLOSURE

There is a requirement that schools carry out a Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check for all staff and adults that have regular contact with children. We are required to keep a register of the checks undertaken. We can assure you that all information will be treated in the strictest confidence and that these checks are only completed to ensure the utmost safety of the children.

Parents who have not completed the Disclosure and Barring process are not permitted to work alone with a children or to accompany children to the toilet during a school visit. Please notify another member of staff if a child in your group needs to visit the toilet.

SAFETY

We ask that all volunteers enter school via the main entrance, wait to be greeted, sign in and receive a visitor's sticker so that we know who is in the building in case of an emergency. You will be directed to where you will be based while volunteering.

We ask that you leave all food and drink outside of the building when you come in –we have many children with allergies and are mindful of ensuring their safety. A hot drinks station will be provided together with cups with lids which must be used for hot drinks. Hot drinks must not be taken outside or into the classroom where children are present.

In the event of a fire alarm please follow the guidance of a member of staff; support the teacher's goal of the children exiting calmly and in silence, returning only when directed to do so. Further information can be found in our 'Health and Safety for Visitors' guidelines.

Volunteers are not permitted to be on the playground at break times or to attend assemblies unless invited. Adults serve as behaviour models. The children watch and learn from all adults, please remember this and be a positive role model at all times.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Volunteering in school may lead to access to information about the school, staff and pupils which is confidential, and we would ask you to work to a strict code of confidentiality. Our confidence in you is very much wrapped up in this factor and if we found that personal information was being discussed outside of school either verbally or via social media, then we would ask you not to continue as a volunteer. Do not under any circumstances share any information about any child with anyone outside of the teaching staff including their parents. Private information is often shared at school, and it may be family information that is not widely known. What may seem like an incidental comment can be upsetting or confusing for a family.

Be mindful that you are only in school for a short time and only see a snapshot of children's learning and experience of school. It is the role of teacher to share academic or personal information.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational visits are a valuable part of the school curriculum, providing opportunities to enhance our teaching in school with new, engaging and real-life experiences outside of school. The safety of our children is a priority and every effort is made to ensure that each visit runs smoothly and safely. Following a preliminary visit made by the teachers, appropriate risk assessments are put into place. These are discussed with the children prior to the visit, alongside expectations of behaviour.

All off-site visits require a minimum adult to child ratio and therefore we sometimes request parental support in order to fulfil this ratio. To ensure that all adults participating in a school visit are fully aware of the safety aspects and the expectations during the visit we have some guidelines for Parents and adults who are supporting us on a school visit.

Responsibilities The teachers will have planned the visit very carefully and will share with you the schedule in a pre-visit meeting to be held prior to the visit. Please be aware of the need to adhere to timings and make sure you are in directed places at the stipulated times.

Although the teaching staff are responsible for the safety of all the children, you will be allocated a group of children to supervise. This group **will not include** your own child/children. Always keep the group within your sight.

Mobile phones In line with our Smart Phone Free Policy we ask that you do not use your mobile phone in front of the children. Whilst we understand that Parents may need a mobile phone on their person during the visit, these are only to be used in the case of an emergency and cannot be used to take photographs of any of the children, including your own child/children.

Photographs There are strict guidelines regarding the taking of photographs of children, both in and out of school. Some Parents may have expressed a wish for their child not to have their photograph taken for safeguarding reasons. We also need to ensure that photographs are not shared on Social Media sites. Members of staff on the visit will take photographs to capture the key points of the visit for use in school, on school devices.

Behaviour Expectations Good behaviour during school visits ensures the safety, learning and enjoyment of the day for children, staff, and adults. We expect the children to be ambassadors for Hawley Primary School always following the Golden Rules.

Please encourage the children to: -

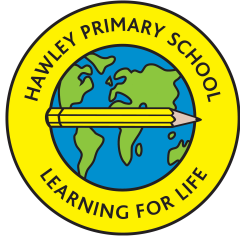
- Ask questions that will support their learning and understanding.
- Listen carefully to speaking adults.
- Respect objects and equipment
- Read signs and labels to further their understanding (you may have to read these for younger pupils)
- Talk about what they can see.
- Have responsibility for their own safety and belongings.
- Move about calmly and sensibly.
- Demonstrate polite behaviour to other visitors and adults.
- Speak at an acceptable volume for the location.

Please ensure that all children in your care are following our Golden Rules. Do not hesitate to seek the attention of the teacher if you need any assistance.

Expectations of adults All adults supporting the children on a school visit are expected to be good role models for the children. The following guidelines provide care for our children and safeguard the adults who are helping them with their learning.

Adults should deal sensitively with children and with equality. Bad language and inappropriate discussions are never acceptable in the company of children.

These guidelines not only protect the children in our school but also the vulnerability of any adult working with children. It is vital that you report any inappropriate behaviour from adults or children to the teacher in charge. The Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Baker (Headteacher) should you have any concerns which you wish to share.



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VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE

I confirm I have read and understand the information in this document, and I agree to abide by all the points above.

Signature

Date.....

Full Name (printed)