



Poppleton Road Out of School Club

Students and Volunteers

We believe that a placement for a student or volunteer at our Club is a valuable opportunity to build experience while learning about working within a childcare setting. Equally, we appreciate the positive contribution that such committed and enthusiastic people can bring to our Club.

However, at all times the needs of the children are paramount and therefore a Club needs to restrict the number of students and volunteers admitted at any particular time, in order to minimise disruption to the Club's core activities.

The Manager is responsible for ensuring that all students and volunteers working at the Club are suitable and that they will not detrimentally affect the service provided for children and their parents/carers. The Manager has overall responsibility for supervising and supporting students and volunteers while they are at the Club.

Before starting at the Club:

- All students and volunteers must be 16 years old or over, unless part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme as this is up to age 16 or those on work experience from a local secondary school. Under 16s do not require a DBS check but require a formal letter from their school
- They must submit two-character referees and undergo Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks before they begin their placement at the Club
- The Manager will enter into a formal written agreement with students and volunteers at the start of the placement agreeing hours of work
- The dress code is required to be appropriate and respectful behaviour is also required within the Club
- This agreement will also detail what the student or volunteer can expect from the Club
- Students and volunteers must read, understand and sign the conditions of work before accepting or making a commitment to voluntary work
- The students will also attend an induction before starting work at the club



Once they have started at the Club:

- Students and volunteers will always be expected to adopt a professional manner and work within the Club's existing policies and procedures
- Students will be encouraged to discuss their individual learning needs with the Manager when they start at the Club and at regular intervals during their placement
- Students required to conduct child studies beyond the Club's normal activities (ie: conducting a survey or a group-based activity) as part of their course will need to obtain appropriate written consent from the parents/carers of the children concerned
- The Manager will ensure that students and volunteers undertake the full induction process given to permanent staff, as set out in the Club's 'Staffing' policy
- New students and volunteers will be allocated a member of staff who will have day to day responsibility for them and their needs while at the Club

- While on the placement, students and volunteers will be both allowed – and expected – to participate in all aspects of work at the Club, unless otherwise instructed by the Manager
- Students and volunteers will attend staff meetings and be encouraged to contribute ideas and share opinions
- They will also be reminded of the confidentiality policy
- Regular supervision and appraisal sessions with the Manager and the designated member of staff will be established as a means of monitoring progress
- Students and volunteers on placement are never included in staff to children ratio



This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Poppy Rd OOSC	
Held in:	June 2023	
To be reviewed in:	June 2024	
Signed on behalf of the setting:		
Name of Signatory:		
Role of Signatory:	Manager	Deputy Manager

