



**HARMONY**  
Primary School

## **Visitors Policy**

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Visitors are always welcome in our school and we strive to exude warm hospitality to make their experience a happy and purposeful one so that they will want to return.

We anticipate all visitors to respect and uphold the school's ethos. In line with our Islamic values, we will not tolerate extreme religious or political views in any capacity. This includes any views which are prohibited under the law as well as those views that contravene our ethos and stance on equality, and tolerance for all, regardless of Race,

Gender, Faith, Sexual Orientation etc.

To fulfill the school's obligation and support Every Child Matters philosophy of 'Staying Safe', necessary safeguarding procedures will be implemented.

## **Aims**

The learning opportunities and experiences that visitors can contribute to the life and work of the school are encouraged and appreciated.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that these visitors are received in the school in an appropriate and safe manner and that the security and wellbeing of pupils and staff is uncompromised at all times.

## **Key Visitors**

Below are examples of a wide range of visitors who visit our school to benefit and complement whole school programs and enrich learning.

- Volunteers who carry out services in an unpaid capacity (e.g. Parents, Reading Friends);
- Students who are carrying out activities as part of their unit of study (e.g. Work experience);
- Individuals/groups carrying out a service within our school (e.g. L.A., SEN support from Educational Psychologist, Behaviour Support Team etc.);
- Support for student health and wellbeing – for example, health professionals;
- Individual/groups who will be paid directly by the school e.g. Maintenance, ICT support services etc.
- Guest Speakers and Individuals who are invited by the school to conduct assemblies, discuss careers etc.

## **Procedures**

The 'Visitor Policy' provides guidance to ensure that the visitor's participation in school derives the greatest benefit and that the visit is managed well, consistently and is understood by all participants.

- All visitors must report to the main Reception and present their ID;
- The visitors' book must be signed in, stating the time of arrival, name, person(s) visiting and vehicle (if applicable).
- Visitors will accompanied at all times by a member of staff for the duration of their stay on-site.
- Guest speakers - The school is committed to promoting the safety of all pupils and may require visitors to undertake a DBS check depending on the purpose of their visit.
- Prior to arranging a visit, the Headteacher will ensure careful consideration is given to the suitability of the person or organisation. This will include an assessment of:
  - The educational value of the visit
  - The age appropriateness of what is going to be delivered
  - Whether relevant checks will be required
  - Whether the visit could bring the school into disrepute

- How compatible the visit is with the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- Harmony Primary School will ensure adequate checks are made in regards to the Visit. As such visitors will be required to share any presentations, handouts or resources they are intending to use for the session ahead of the planned lesson. The headteacher will assess for suitability of content as well as ensure that the content is in line with Prevent Guidance.
- Under no circumstance will a visitor be left unsupervised with pupils.
- An identification badge will be given from the office;
- The Headteacher will be consulted prior to contacting visitors or finalising arrangements;
- The Headteacher must be informed of their arrival and before any activity commences;
- Where appropriate, visitors to the school must have had the relevant security checks (Barred List / DBS) and a record of these checks will be kept in the office;
- A member of staff will be present at any pupil related activity carried out by the visitor to ensure that relevant policies and procedures are followed;
- Contractors must ensure they liaise with the SLT with regards to health and safety issues. e.g. where pupils will be working, walking etc.
- All visitors must sign the visitors' book when leaving the school for fire drill purposes;
- We also welcome any visitors' oral or written comments with regard to their welcome and receptiveness, the ethos of the school etc.
- If any unknown person(s) are walking around school at any time during the day without a badge, staffs are expected to politely approach them and ask them if they have reported to the office. Staff should accompany them to the office so that appropriate action is taken;
- Any unauthorised visitor must be reported to the Headteacher and SLT who will contact the Police.