

SCHOOLREADERS VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

Schoolreaders recognises its responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Volunteers are required to comply with partner schools' policies and procedures in providing a safe and positive learning environment and also have to agree to the following Code of Conduct:

- I agree to the fundamental principle that children have the right to be safe and this takes precedence over all other considerations.
- I will recognise each child's worth and treat them as individuals with fairness, equality, dignity and respect regardless of: age, disability, economic hardship/poverty, gender, racial heritage, religion or belief, sexual orientation or identity.
- I will behave in an appropriate manner and respect other people.
- I will accept and follow any guidance and policies that I am given from the school.
- I will attend any briefing/training as requested by the school including for Safeguarding, Health and Safety and my role as a reading volunteer and follow the school's expected conduct for volunteers.
- I will complete Schoolreaders mandatory online supplementary safeguarding guidance and best practice guidance programmes (print versions available) prior to starting in school.
- I will read the Schoolreaders Safeguarding policy and 'Guidance on Child Protection and Safeguarding Essentials' at www.schoolreaders.org/policies-portal.
- I will read the school's safeguarding procedures and find out who to report any concerns to.
- I will report any Safeguarding problems or concerns as they arise to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) in school. I will notify the DSL at Schoolreaders that a report has been made to the school.
- I will report any other problems or concerns as they arise to the school coordinator, including incidents, injury or property damage.
- I will observe confidentiality in respect of all information gained through my participation as a volunteer.
- I will not start as a volunteer until the school has received my enhanced DBS clearance / verified my check on the DBS update service and agree that the school can confirm this check with Schoolreaders. I will notify Schoolreaders when I have started volunteering.
- I understand that the school is responsible for my welfare whilst in school.