

# Dashwood Out of School Club

## Arrivals and Departures

Dashwood Out of School Club recognises the importance of having robust systems in place to ensure the safe arrival and departure of the children in our care.

The manager will ensure that an accurate record is kept of all children in the Club, and that any arrivals or departures are recorded in the register. The register is kept in an accessible location on the premises at all times. In addition we conduct regular headcounts during the session.

### Escorting children to and from the Club

- The Club and schools have a clear agreement concerning the transfer of responsibility for children's safety.
- We have risk assessed the route used to escort children to the Club and review it regularly.
- The school are informed by parents that their child is to be collected by the club. Children are collected from their classrooms. Children attending the Breakfast Club are taken to their classrooms or class lines in the playground.
- Children that walk from school to club are required to wear high-viz jackets and use, when necessary, a walking train loop system. Children are taught and encouraged to talk about road safety on a daily basis.
- Children taken by minibus are to be in a seat with seatbelt adjusted to the correct height of the child. As with walking children, they are taken to or collected from their classrooms.

### Arrivals

Our staff will greet each child warmly on their arrival at the Club and will record the child's attendance in the daily register straightaway, including the time of arrival.

### Departures

- Staff will ensure that parents or carers sign children out before they leave, including the time of collection.
- Children are collected by an adult who has been authorised to do so on their registration form.
- In exceptional circumstances, if the parent requires another person who is not listed on the registration form to collect their child, the child's parents or carers must inform the Club in advance and provide a description of the person and a password that they will use. If the manager has any concerns regarding the person collecting he/she will contact the main parent or carer for confirmation.
- The parent or carer must notify the Club if they will be late collecting their child. If the Club is not informed, the **Uncollected Children** policy will be followed.
- Children over the age of eight will only be allowed to leave the Club alone at the end of the session if the Club has discussed this with the child's parents and has received their written consent.
- Children below the age of eight will not be allowed to leave the Club unaccompanied.

### Absences

- If a child is going to be absent from a session, parents must notify the Club in advance.
- If a child is absent without explanation, staff will contact the parents or carers and the school to check where the child should be. If staff still have concerns about the child's whereabouts after attempts to contact the parents and the school the manager will contact the police.

- The Club will try to discover the causes of prolonged and unexplained absences. Regular absences could indicate that a child or their family might need additional support.

This policy was adopted by: <b>Dashwood Out of School Club</b>	Date:
To be reviewed:	Signed:

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2014): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment [3.62, 3.64]; and Information and records [3.76]*