



Lilliput Lane Nursery

The Little Nursery for Little Learners

Volunteers

HSCS: 3.7, 3.11, 3.14, 3.19, 3.20,
3.25, 4.3, 4.9, 4.24, 4.27, 5.17

At **Lilliput Lane Nursery** we recognise the immense benefits that volunteers bring to the nursery. In return we hope to give volunteers an opportunity to share their skills in a different environment and to undertake new experiences.

Status of volunteers

A volunteer is not an employee and will not have a contract of employment with the nursery. We will however insist that the volunteer follows all nursery procedures in the same manner as a paid employee to ensure consistency, safety and quality of care and early learning for the children. Volunteers will be supervised at all times.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) registration

All volunteers will have suitability checks conducted in the same way as paid employees. This will include PVG registration. These checks will be conducted before any volunteer starts at the nursery and this will also include two written references.

Training

Volunteers will be offered training and/or support as appropriate. We will provide any training and support required for the role, including child protection, paediatric first aid (where applicable) and health and safety training. The purpose of this is to enable the volunteer to be supported and enhance their development in their voluntary role within our team.

Policies and procedures

Volunteers are expected to comply with all the nursery's policies and procedures. The volunteer's induction process will include an explanation of this.

Confidentiality

Volunteers should not disclose this information about the nursery, staff, children or families as stated in the confidentiality policy and should follow the nursery confidentiality procedure at all times.

Volunteer's induction pack

On commencing their volunteer work, the volunteer will be given a pack containing:

- General information about the nursery
- A copy of this volunteering policy



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- A confidentiality statement which will require reading, signing and returning to the nursery manager
- Details of access to all relevant nursery policies and procedures.

Volunteer support

The nursery has a designated officer who will take the volunteer through their induction and support and advise them throughout their time in the nursery. Our designated officer for volunteers is Paula Harkins

Covid-19

Although we appreciate the support and value volunteers offer to our nursery, we have decided that during the pandemic period we will not be permitting volunteers in the nursery to care and support the children at this time. This is because we are trying to limit the number of people in nursery at any one time. We will review this in line with Scottish and UK Government policy and updates, and review accordingly.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
7 August 2020		As Required