

# Fleckney Out of School Club

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# FLECKNEY OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

OFSTED Registration Number: EY362631

Proprietor: Clare Tudor

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### Fleckney Out of School Club

### Mission Statement

Fleckney Out of School Club aims to provide high quality childcare within a warm and welcoming environment. The individuality of each child in our care will be respected and nurtured.

### Aims and objectives

Fleckney Out of School Club aims to:

- ❖ Ensure each child feels happy, safe and secure, allowing them to learn and develop freely in a play centred environment
- ❖ Encourage children to take responsibility for themselves and their actions
- ❖ Encourage children to develop positive attitudes and respect for themselves and others, in an environment free from bullying and discrimination
- ❖ Provide a wide range of resources and equipment which can be used under safe and supervised conditions
- ❖ Offer a programme of activities which meets the needs of each child, promoting their physical, intellectual, emotional and social development, enabling them to become confident, independent and co-operative individuals
- ❖ Work in partnership with parents to provide high quality play and care
- ❖ Review and evaluate our services to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of children in our care and those of their parents or carers
- ❖ Keep parents and carers informed about changes in the administration of the Club and to listen and respond to their views and concerns
- ❖ Communicate effectively with parents and carers, and to discuss experiences, progress and any difficulties that may arise
- ❖ Employ experienced, well trained staff and offer them appropriate support
- ❖ Comply with the Children's Act 1989, the Childcare Act 2006, and all other relevant legislation
- ❖ Work in partnership with Fleckney Primary School.

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# Out of School Club

## Admissions and Fees Policy

Fleckney Out of School Club is registered with Ofsted; our registration number is EY362631. We provide care for upto 50 children between the ages of 4 and 11 ,serving the children of Fleckney Primary School.

Places are offered on a first-come first-served basis. When all places have been filled a waiting list will be established, with the following order of priority:

1. Siblings of children already attending the club
2. Those requiring the greatest number of sessions/hours per week

### Registration

When an enquiry regarding places is made, parents or carers will be given all the relevant Club information, including:

- Information regarding availability of places
- Details of the **Admissions and Fees** policy
- Registration form, medical form, parent contract, booking form, photo permission form
- **Behaviour Management** policy
- **Complaints** policy

If a place is available, the parents and child will be invited to visit the club for an induction. The child will be able to attend the Club as soon as the completed forms are received.

If no places are available the parent will be inform and the child's name added to the waiting list. As soon as suitable places become available parents will be informed.

### Booking procedure

Parents must complete the necessary paperwork, ie contract, registration, medical, booking and photo permission forms, before their children can attend the club.

- **Permanent place:**  
Once booked, if a child does not attend for any reason, you will still be charged for this place. If you wish to cancel the place altogether, one month's notice in writing is required.
- **Temporary booking:**  
We will accept temporary or occasional bookings as long as there are places available. If a temporary place has been booked and is no longer required, the club must be given 48 hours notice. If notice is not given, the place will still be charged for.

### Fee structure

Fees are charged at £7.00 Breakfast and £12.00 for Afterschool Club

The Club recognises that childcare can be costly, so we encourage eligible parents or carers to claim the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit. We are also registered to accept childcare vouchers.

- Fees are payable monthly in advance
- Fees can be paid by cheque, electronic transfer, cash or voucher.
- There is a charge of £65.00 for late collection, which will be added to the next invoice
- Fees are charged for booked sessions whether the child attends or not

# Payment of fees

Fees are reviewed annually. The Club will consider requests for variation to payment terms on an individual basis. Anyone making these requests should contact the manager at the earliest opportunity. Any queries regarding fees should be directed to the manager.

If fees are not paid, the Club will write to the parent or carer, requesting payment. If the parents or carers are having difficulty making the payment on time we recommend that they arrange a meeting with the manager as soon as possible.

Where there is no explanation for repeated late payment, the manager will contact the parents or carers to discuss payment options. The manager may issue a formal warning to the parent or carer informing them that continued late payment will result in their child's place at the Club being withdrawn.

If the fees remain unpaid after all the above options have been explored, the Club may have to cancel the child's place.

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# Fleckney Out of School Club Registration Form

## Child's Details

**Date of Registration:**

First name:	Surname:	What s/he likes to be called:
Date of birth and current age:	School attended: First language:	Name of key person:

## Parent/Guardian details

Title:	First name:	Surname	Title:	First name:	Surname
Home address:			Home address (if different):		
Does this child normally live at this address? Yes / No			Does this child normally live at this address? Yes / No		
Work address:			Work address:		
Home number:	Mobile number:	Work number:	Home number:	Mobile number:	Work number:
Email address:			Email address:		
Does this person have parental responsibility? Yes / No			Does this person have parental responsibility? Yes / No		
Does anyone else have parental responsibility for this child? Yes / No <i>(If yes, please provide details overleaf.)</i>					

## Emergency Contact Details *(please provide details of two people we can contact if we are unable to get hold of you)*

Name:	Telephone number:	Mobile number:
Address:		Relationship to the child:
Name:	Telephone number:	Mobile number:
Address:		Relationship to the child:

## Child's Doctor

Name of Doctor:	
Address:	Telephone:

## About your child

Please detail any additional/special needs your child has: (please provide full details)
Please detail any dietary requirements / food allergies for your child: (please provide full details)
Is there anything your child doesn't like (food, games etc) or is scared of?
What are your child's favourite activities?

**Signature of Parent/Carer**

**Date:**

## Arrivals and Departures

Fleckney out of school club recognises the importance of having robust system in place to ensure the safe arrival and departure of children in our care.

The manager will ensure that an accurate record is kept of all the 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 the club

- The club and school have a clear agreement concerning the transfer of responsibility for children's safety.
- We have a risk assessed the route used to escort the children to the club and review it regularly.
- The club keeps a register of children who require escorting between locations which is updated daily.
- Children are collected from foundation stage and keystage 1 by Club staff.
- Key stage 2 children are expected to make their own way to the club.
- If a child is booked into the club but is not at the collection point, we will check whether the child is present at school that day. If the whereabouts of the child is not known, staff will immediately inform the Club manager and ask the school to implement its Missing Child policy.

## Arrivals

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

## Departures

- Staff will ensure that children are signed out of the register 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 must be inform the Club in advance and provide a description of the person. If the manager has any concerns regarding the person collecting she will contact the main parent/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 child** 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 child's parents and has received 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 cares and the school to check where the child should be. If staff still have concerns about the child's whereabouts after attempts to contact 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.

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## Visitors Policy

Fleckney out of school club is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for the children in our care. When we have visitors to our club we need to ensure that this will not have a detrimental effect on the children and that the person in question has a valid reason for visiting the club. Accordingly, when a visitor arrives at the club we will follow the procedure set out below.

- All visitors must ring the Club bell or ring the club phone on 07791259905 before entering the building.
- All visitors to the club must sign the Visitors log.
- The identity of the visitor will be checked and this will be recorded on the visitor's log.
- If staff require further reassurance of the identity of the visitor, they will phone the employment organisation of the visitor, eg Ofsted, Local Authority, Environmental Health Department, etc, for further confirmation. If this is not possible, staff will seek the advice from the club manager.
- The reason of the visit will be recorded
- Visitors will never be left alone or unsupervised with the children.
- If a visitor has no reason to be on the clubs premises staff will escort them from the premises.
- If the visitor refuses to leave, staff will call the police. In such an event an Incident Record will be completed and the manager will be immediately notified.
- When a visitor leaves the premises, we will record time of departure on the visitors Log.

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## **Illness and Accident**

At fleckney out of school club we will deal promptly and effectively with and illness or injuries that occur while children are in our care. We take all practical steps to keep staff from communicable disease.

All parents or carers must complete the Medical Form when their child joins the Club, requesting permission for emergency medical treatment for their child in the event of serious accident or illness.

We will record all accidents or illnesses, together with any treatment given, on an Incident Record or Accident Record sheet as appropriate, which the parent or carer will be asked to sign when they collect the child.

Fleckney out of school club cannot accept children who are ill. If any children are ill when they first arrive at club we will immediately notify parents or carers to come and collect them. Any children who have been ill should not return to the club until they have fully recovered, or until after the minimum exclusion period has expired (see table at the end of this policy).

### **First Aid**

To ensure that there is a qualified first aider present and is available at all times when the Club is running, all members of staff will receive first aid training. We will take into account the number of children and layout of the premises to ensure that first aiders are able to respond quickly to any incident.

The first aid box is clearly displayed at the Club. The manager regularly checks the contents of the first aid box to ensure that they are up to date, appropriate for children and comply with the Health and Safety (first aid) Regulations 19.

### **Procedure for a minor injury or illness**

A member of staff will decide upon the appropriate action to take if a child becomes ill or suffers a minor injury.

- If a child becomes ill during a session, the parent or carer will be asked to collect the child as soon as possible. The child will be kept comfortable and will be closely supervised while awaiting collection.
- If a child complains of illness, which does not impair their overall wellbeing, the child will be monitored for the rest of the session and the parent or carer will be notified when the child is collected.
- If a child suffers a minor injury, first aid will be administered and the child will be monitored for the rest of the session. If necessary, the child's parent will be asked to collect the child as soon as possible.

### **Procedure for major injury or serious illness**

In the event of a child becoming seriously ill or suffering a major injury, the first aider at the session will decide whether the child needs to go straight to hospital or whether it is safe to wait for their parent to arrive.

- If the child needs to go straight to hospital, we will call an ambulance and a member of staff will go to the hospital with the child. The staff member will take child's
- Medical Form with them and will consent to any necessary treatment (as approved by the parents on the Medical form)

- We will contact the child's parents or carers with all urgency, and if they are unavailable we will call the other emergency contacts that we have on file for that child.
- After a major incident the manager and staff will review the events and consider whether any changes need to be made to the Club's policies and procedures.
- We will notify Ofsted and child protection agencies in the event of serious accident or injury to a child in our care as soon as reasonably possible and within 14 days at the latest.
- We will notify HSE under RIDDOR the case of death or major injury on the premises (eg broken limb, amputation, dislocation, etc - see the HSE website for a full list of reportable injuries).

**Communicable disease and conditions**

If a case of head lice is found at club, the child's the child's parents or cares will eb discreetly informed when they collect the child. Other parents will be warned to check their own children for head lice, but care will be taken not to identify the child affected. If an infectious or communicable disease is detected on the Club's premises, we will inform parents and cares as soon as possible.

If there is an incident of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after at the club the Manager will inform Ofsted as soon as possible and within 14 days at the latest.

If there is an outbreak of notifiable disease at the club, we will inform the local health protection unit, HSE under RIDDOR (if appropriate), and Ofsted.

Useful contacts

Health Protection Unit: 0344 2254 524 option 1

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

RIDDOR incident Contact unit: 0845 300 99 23

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## Minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions and diseases

Disease/ condition	Exclusion period
Chicken pox	5 days after first appearance of rash
cold sores	None, avoid contact with sores
Conjunctivitis	24 hours until the discharge from eyes has sopped.
Diphtheria *	Until certified well by doctor
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after symptoms cleared
Glandular fever	Until fully recovered
Gastro- enteritis, E.coli, food poisoning, salmonella and dysentery	Until certified by a doctor
Hand foot and mouth disease	White rash ulcers are present
Hepatitis A*	Until certified well
Hepatitis B* and C*	none
High temperature	24 hours
HIV/AIDS	none
Impetigo	Until the skin has healed
Influenza	Until recovered
Measles*	5 days from onset of rash
Meningitis*	Until recovered
Molluscum contagiosum	none
Mumps*	5 days from onset of swollen glands
Pediculosis (lice)	Until treatment has been given
Pertussis* (whooping cough)	21 days from onset or 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment.
Poliomyelitis	Until certified well by a doctor
Ringworm of the scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of the body	Until treatment has been given
Rubella * (German measles)	5 days from onset of rash
Scabies	Until treatment has been given
Scarlet fever*	Until 5 days from the start of the treatment
Slapped check, fifth disease	none
Streptococcal infection of the throat	3 days from the start of the treatment
Threadworms	none
Tonsillitis	none
Tuberculosis*	Until certified by a doctor
Typhoid*, Paratyphoid*	Until certified well by a doctor
Warts (including verruca)	None, need to keep feet covered

**\*denotes a notifiable disease**

If any doubt contact local health services for further information.

# Out of School Club

## Administering Medication Policy

If a child attending Fleckney Out of School Club requires prescription medication of any kind, their parent or carer must complete a **Permission to administer medicine** form in advance. Staff at the Club will not administer any medication without such prior written consent.

Ideally children should take their medication before arriving at the Club. If this is not possible, children will be encouraged to take personal responsibility for their medication, if appropriate. If children carry their own medication (eg asthma inhalers), the Club staff will offer to keep the medication safe until it is required. Inhalers must be labelled with the child's name.

Fleckney Out of School Club can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. However, if a medicine contains aspirin we can only administer it if it has been prescribed by a doctor. All medication provided must have the prescription sticker attached which includes the child's name, the date, the type of medicine and the dosage.

A designated staff member will be responsible for administering medication or for witnessing self-administration by the child. The designated person will record receipt of the medication on a **Medication Log**, will check that the medication is properly labelled, and will ensure that it is stored securely during the session.

Before any medication is given, the designated person will:

- Check that the Club has received written consent
- Ask another member of staff to witness that the correct dosage is given.

When the medication has been administered, the designated person must:

- Record all relevant details on the **Record of Medication Given** form
- Ask the child's parent or carer to sign the form to acknowledge that the medication has been given.

When the medication is returned to the child's parent or carer, the designated person will record this on the **Medication Log**.

If a child refuses to take their medication, staff will not force them to do so. The manager and the child's parent or carer will be notified, and the incident recorded on the **Record of Medication Given**.

Certain medications require specialist training before use, eg Epi Pens. If a child requires such medication the manager will arrange appropriate training as soon as possible. It may be necessary to absent the child until such training has been undertaken. Where specialist training is required, only appropriately trained staff may administer the medication.

A child's parent or carer must complete a new **Permission to Administer Medication** form if there are any changes to a child's medication (including change of dosage or frequency).

If a child suffers from a long term medical condition the Club will ask the child's parents to provide a medical care plan from their doctor, to clarify exactly what the symptoms and treatment are so that the Club has a clear statement of the child's medical requirements.

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## Medical Form

<b>Child's name:</b>	<b>Date of birth:</b>
<b>Doctor:</b>	
<b>Doctor's address:</b>	
<b>Doctor's telephone:</b>	
Does your child or the child in your care have any known medical problems or additional needs? (Please list)	
Please detail any medical needs your child has/medication taken: (please provide full details, if medication is needed an additional medication consent form will need to be completed)	
Does your child have any known allergies? (an Allergy Management Plan will be put in place where required)	
Does your child have any dietary requirements?	
Any other information relevant to your child's health	
Parent/Carer emergency contact telephone numbers:	

In the event that my child is involved in a serious accident I expect to be contacted immediately on the above telephone numbers.

In the event that my child requires immediate medical treatment before I can get to the hospital I hereby authorise the staff member present to consent to any emergency medical treatment necessary to ensure the health and safety of my child on my behalf.

Signed:

Date:

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# Fleckney Out of School Club

## Permission to administer medicine form

Child's name:	Date of birth:
Child's address:	
Parent's contact no:	
Doctor's name:	Telephone no:
Address of surgery:	
Reason for medicine:	
Name of medicine:	Storage requirements:
Dosage:	
Times to be administered:	

I give permission for medicine to be given to my child in accordance with the details above.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Staff at the [Out of School Club](#) will only be permitted to administer medication to your child if you complete and return this form.
- Under no circumstances will members of staff administer medication against the will of a child.
- Note that we can only administer medication containing aspirin if prescribed by a doctor.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the [Out of School Club](#) manager.

# Fleckney Out of School Club

## Accident Record

<b>Record completed by:</b> Name:  Job title:	<b>Person who had the accident</b> Name:
<b>Details of accident:</b> Date:	Time:
<b>Where did the accident occur?</b>	
<b>Describe the events:</b>	
<b>Witnesses:</b>	
<b>Injuries suffered:</b>	
<b>Actions taken or treatment given:</b>	
<i>(In the event of a head injury, review the child's condition after 15 minutes and then continue to review at 15 minute intervals if you have any concerns. Complete head injury form.)</i>	
<b>Record completed by:</b> <i>(Signature)</i>  Date:	<b>Record read by:</b> <i>(Signature of parent or carer)</i>  Date:

*This form should be filed with individual child records*



# Fleckney Out of School Club Head Injury Notification

Dear Parent or Carer,

..... bumped his/her head at the club today.

Today's date: .....

Time that the injury occurred: .....

Approximate location of bump: .....

Although your child seems well at the moment, in any case of head injury the condition of the child may become more serious at any time, particularly in the first 48 hours. You should therefore keep watch for any of the following signs which may be important:

- Increasing drowsiness or actual unconsciousness which can be detected by you being unable to rouse the child
- A headache which becomes more severe
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Dizziness
- Any weakness of arm or leg
- Disturbed vision (eg loss of focus/double vision)
- Sensitivity to bright light
- Any change in the child's condition which you are not satisfied with, such as restlessness, irritability, loss of concentration, increasing loss of memory.

If you notice any of these signs there is no need for alarm but you must **seek medical advice AT ONCE**. Contact your GP or seek help from your local Accident and Emergency Department.

## Missing child Procedure

At fleckney out of school club we are always alert to the possibility that children can go missing during sessions. To minimise the risk of this happening we will carry out periodic head counts, particularly when moving children from locations (eg from school to club or going outside)

If a child cannot be located, the following steps will be taken:

- All staff will be informed that the child is missing.
- Staff will conduct a thorough search of the premises and surrounding area.
- After 10 minutes the police will be informed. The manager will then contact the child's parents or carers.
- Staff will continue to search for the child whilst waiting for the police and parents to arrive.
- We will maintain as normal a routine as possible for the rest of the children at the club.
- The manager will liaise with the police and the child's parents or carer.

The incident will be recorded in the incident Log. A review will be conducted regarding this and any other related incidents along with relevant policies and procedures. We will identify and implement any changes as necessary.

If the police or social Care were involved in the incident, we will also inform Ofsted.

### Useful numbers

Police 999

First Response 0116 3055500

Ofsted 0300 123 1231

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## Behaviour Management Policy

Fleckney Out of School Club uses effective behaviour management strategies to promote the welfare and enjoyment of children attending the Club. Working in partnership with parents, we aim to manage behaviour using clear, consistent and positive strategies. The Club rules are clearly displayed at every session, and are discussed regularly.

Whilst at Fleckney Out of School Club we expect children to:

- Use socially acceptable behaviour
- Comply with the Club rules, which are compiled by the children attending the club
- Respect one another, accepting differences of race, gender, ability, age and religion
- Develop their independence by maintaining self-discipline
- Choose and participate in a variety of activities
- Ask for help if needed
- Enjoy their time at the Club.

### Encouraging positive behaviour

At Fleckney Out of School Club positive behaviour is encouraged by:

- Staff acting as positive role models
- Praising appropriate behaviour
- Sticker rewards
- Informing parents about individual achievements
- Offering a variety of play opportunities to meet the needs of children attending the Club.

It is inevitable that as children develop and learn, there are times when they need support and guidance to understand that their behaviour is not acceptable. Staff at the Club will try to determine the cause or triggers of the inappropriate behaviour to prevent the situation from recurring.

### Dealing with inappropriate behaviour

- Challenging behaviour will be addressed in a calm, firm and positive manner.
- In the first instance, the child will be temporarily removed from the activity.
- Staff will discuss why the behaviour displayed is deemed inappropriate.
- Staff will give the child an opportunity to explain their behaviour, to help prevent a recurrence.
- Staff will encourage and facilitate mediation between children to try to resolve conflicts through discussion and negotiation.
- If the inappropriate behaviour appears to be as a result of boredom, staff will consult with the child to find activities that more fully engage them.
- Staff will consult with parents to formulate clear strategies for dealing with persistent inappropriate behaviour.
- We will not threaten any punishment that could adversely affect a child's well-being (eg withdrawal of food or drink).

If after consultation with parents and the implementation of behaviour management strategies, a child continues to display inappropriate behaviour, the Club may decide to exclude the child in accordance with our **Suspensions and Exclusions** policy. The reasons and processes involved will be clearly explained to the child.

## Physical intervention

Physical intervention will only be used as a last resort, when staff believe that action is necessary to prevent injury to the child or others, or to prevent significant damage to equipment or property. If a member of staff has to physically restrain a child, the manager will be notified and an **Incident record** will be completed. The incident will be discussed with the parent or carer as soon as possible.

If staff are not confident about their ability to contain a situation, they should call the manager or, in extreme cases, the police.

All serious incidents will be recorded on an **Incident record** and kept in the child's file. This may be used to build a pattern of behaviour, which may indicate an underlying cause. If a pattern of incidents indicates possible abuse, we will implement child protection procedures in accordance with our **Safeguarding** policy.

## Corporal punishment

Corporal punishment or the threat of corporal punishment will *never* be used at the Club.

We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that no child who attends our Club receives corporal punishment from any person who cares for or is in regular contact with the child, or from any other person on our premises.

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# Fleckney Out of School Club

## Incident Record

<b>Record completed by:</b> Name:  Job title:	<b>Person involved in incident:</b> Name:
<b>Details of incident:</b> Date: _____ Time: _____	
<b>Where did the incident occur?</b>	
<b>Describe the events:</b>	
<b>Witnesses:</b>	
<b>Other comments:</b>	
<b>What actions were taken?</b>	
<b>Record completed by:</b> <i>(Signature)</i>	<b>Record read by:</b> <i>(Signature of parent or carer)</i>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

*This form should be filed with individual child records*

## Environmental Policy

Fleckney out of school Club is committed to the protection of the environment through reducing pollution, emissions and waste.

As part of the induction process, and through staff meetings and training, our staff will be informed about reducing the use of raw materials, supplies and energy.

We raise the children's awareness of environmental issues through discussions and day-to-day activities within the club.

Children and staff follow the club's 'eco code':

- We switch off lights when not in use.
- We turn off electrical equipment at the power source when not in use.
- We turn off taps after use and do not waste water.
- We do not drop litter.

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# Out of School Club

## Health and Safety Policy

Fleckney Out of School Club considers health and safety to be of utmost importance. We comply with The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 at all times.

The Club has appropriate insurance cover, including employer's liability insurance and public liability insurance.

Each member of staff follows the Club's **Health and Safety** policy and is responsible for:

- Maintaining a safe environment
- Taking reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others attending the Club
- Reporting all accidents and incidents which have caused injury or damage or may do so in the future

Any member of staff who disregards safety instructions or recognised safe practices will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

### **Responsibilities of the registered person**

The registered person for the setting holds ultimate responsibility and liability for the safe operation of the Club. The registered person will ensure that:

- The school premises officer is the clubs point of contact
- All staff receive information on health and safety matters, and receive training where necessary ie First Aid and Food Hygiene
- The **Health and Safety** policy and procedures are reviewed regularly
- Staff understand and follow health and safety procedures
- Resources are provided to meet the Club's health and safety responsibilities
- All accidents, incidents and dangerous occurrences are properly reported and recorded. This includes informing Ofsted, child protection agencies and the Health and Safety Executive under RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995) where appropriate.
- All reported accidents, incidents and dangerous occurrences are reviewed, so that preventative measures can be taken.

### **Responsibilities of the manager**

The Club's manager is responsible for ensuring that at each session:

- Premises are clean, well lit, adequately ventilated and maintained at an appropriate temperature
- All the Club's equipment is safely and securely stored
- A working telephone is available on the premises at all times
- Chemicals and cleaning materials are stored appropriately, and in accordance with COSHH data sheets.
- External pathways are cleared in severe weather by the school premises officer
- Daily environment checks are carried out in accordance with our **Risk Assessment** policy.

### **Security**

Children are not allowed to leave the Club premises during the session unless prior permission has been given by the parents (for example, to attend other extra-curricular activities).

During Club sessions all main campus entrances are opened at 8.40am and are locked by the premises officer by 3.30pm. Staff monitor the entrances and exits to the premises throughout the session.

All visitors to the Club must sign the **Visitor Log** and give the reason for their visit. Visitors will never be left alone with the children.

Security procedures will be regularly reviewed by the manager, in consultation with staff and parents.

### **Toys and equipment**

All furniture, toys and equipment are kept clean, well maintained and in good repair. We select toys, equipment and resources with care, and we carry out visual checks before the children are allowed to use them. Broken toys and equipment are disposed of promptly.

We ensure that any flammable equipment is stored safely.

### **Food and personal hygiene**

Staff at Fleckney Out of School Club maintain high standards of personal hygiene, and take all practicable steps to prevent and control the spread of infection.

- A generally clean environment is maintained at all times.
- Toilets are cleaned daily and soap and hand drying facilities are always available.
- Staff are trained in food hygiene and follow appropriate guidelines.
- Waste is disposed of safely
- Staff ensure that children wash their hands before handling food or drink and after using the toilet.
- Cuts and abrasions (whether on children or staff) are kept covered.

### **Dealing with body fluids**

Spillages of blood, vomit, urine and faeces will be cleaned up immediately in accordance with our **Intimate Care** policy.

### **Staffing levels**

Staff ratios and levels of supervision are always appropriate to the number, ages and abilities of the children present, and to the risks associated with the activities being undertaken. A minimum of two members of staff are on duty at any time.

### **Related policies**

See also our related policies: **Illness and Accidents, Emergency Evacuation, Healthy Eating, Safeguarding, Administering Medication, Risk Assessment, Manual Handling, Fire Safety, and Intimate Care, Visitor.**

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## Healthy Eating Policy

Fleckney out of school club provides healthy, nutritious and balanced food and drinks. Food and drink are safely prepared with regard to the dietary and religious requirements of the children in our care. We ask parents to notify us regarding any special dietary requirements or allergies when they register their child.

Information regarding food allergies is recorded on the Allergy information board/box which is visible to staff whilst food is being prepared.

Fleckney out of school club promotes healthy eating and leads by example. Staff responsible for food preparation, handling and storage have received appropriate training.

- We provide suitable healthy snacks for all the children.
- Children are encouraged to develop good eating skills and table manners.
- All children are given plenty of time to eat.
- Where appropriate, children are involved in planning and preparing food and snacks.
- Fresh drinking water is available at all times.
- Fresh fruit is available at most sessions.
- Withholding food is never used as a form of punishment.
- Staff discuss with children the importance of a balanced diet where appropriate.
- The club does not regularly provide sweets for the children.
- We limit access to fatty or sugary foods.
- Children are never forced to eat or drink anything against their will.

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# Fleckney Out of School Club

## Sun Protection

Children love to play outside in the sun, but sunburn in childhood increases the risk of developing skin cancer in later life.

Children's skin is delicate but you can protect their skin by:

- Avoiding the midday sun (between 11am and 3pm)
- Playing in the shade
- Wearing a hat that covers the ears and neck
- Covering up with a T-shirt and wear sunglasses that have UV filters
- Using a minimum of SPF15 sunscreen on exposed skin. Apply sunscreen liberally and reapply regularly.

Fleckney Out of School Club is concerned about protecting your child from sunburn and skin damage. Please provide a suitable hat, such as a legionnaire's hat or sunhat. On sunny days apply sunscreen to any exposed parts.

With your consent we will also help your child apply sunscreen when necessary. Please complete and return the consent form below.

..... ✂ .....

### Permission to apply sunscreen

Child's name: .....

I am happy for my child to have sunscreen applied at Fleckney Out of School Club.

*Please delete as appropriate:*

**(A)** I am happy for my child to use the sunscreen provided by the Club.

*or*

**(B)** I will provide a bottle of sunscreen labelled with my child's name for use at the Club.

Signed: .....  
(parent/carer)

Date: .....

Print name: .....

This consent will remain valid whilst your child is in the care of this Club.

# Out of School Club

## Risk Assessment Policy

[Fleckney Out of School Club](#) uses its risk assessment systems to ensure that the Club is a safe and secure place for children and staff. All staff are expected to undertake risk assessments as part of their routine tasks.

In line with current health and safety legislation and the *EYFS Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements 2014*, the Club will carry out regular risk assessments and take appropriate action to deal with any hazards or risks identified. It is the responsibility of the manager to ensure that risk assessments are conducted, monitored and acted upon.

Risk assessments will be carried out:

- whenever there is any change to equipment or resources
- when there is any change to the Club's premises
- when the particular needs of a child necessitates this
- when we take the children on an outing or visit.

Not all risk assessments need to be written down. Staff will decide, in consultation with the manager, which risk assessments need to be formally recorded. However risk assessments related to employment and the working environment will be always be recorded in writing so that staff can refer to them.

If changes are required to the Club's policies or procedures as a result of the risk assessment, the manager will update the relevant documents and inform all staff.

### Daily checks

We will carry out a visual inspection of the equipment and the whole premises (indoors and out) daily, before any children arrive. During the course of the session, staff will remain alert to any potential risks to health and safety.

If a member of staff discovers a hazard during the course of a session, they will make the area safe (eg by cordoning it off) and then notify the buildings premises officer. The manager will ensure that any actions needed to mitigate the immediate hazard have been taken and will implement measures to prevent the incident from recurring.

### Recording dangerous events

The manager will record all accidents and dangerous events on the **Incident or Accident Record** sheets as soon as possible after the incident. If the incident affected a child the record will be kept on the child's file. The Club will monitor **Incident and Accident Records** to see whether any pattern to the occurrences can be identified.

### Related policies

See our related policies: [Fire Safety and Risk Assessment](#), [Health and Safety](#).

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## In the Event of a Fire

- A member of staff will raise the alarm and call the emergency services.
- The children will immediately be escorted out of the building to the assembly point (top playground) using the nearest marked exit.
- No attempt will be made to collect personal belongings, or to re-enter the building after evacuation.
- The premises will be checked by the manager/deputy and the register will be collected, providing that it is safe to do so.
- The staff will close all doors and windows to prevent the spread of fire when they leave the building if it is safe to do so.
- The register will be checked and all children and staff accounted for.
- If anyone is missing from the register, the emergency services will be informed.
- If the register is not available the manager/deputy will use the emergency contacts list (which is kept off the premises) to contact parents or carers.
- If the school premises officer is not present at the time of the incident, the manager/deputy will assume responsibility or nominate an alternative member of staff.

# Fleckney Out of School Club

## Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy

Fleckney Out of School Club is committed to building a 'culture of safety' in which the children in our care are protected from abuse, harm and radicalisation.

The Club will respond promptly and appropriately to all incidents or concerns regarding the safety of a child that may occur. The Club's child protection procedures comply with all relevant legislation and with guidance issued by the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

There will be a Child Protection Officer (CPO) available at all times while the Club is in session. The CPO coordinates child protection issues and liaises with external agencies (eg Social Care, the LSCB and Ofsted).

The Club's designated CPO is Suzanne Bottrill and Sue Burgoine

### Child abuse and neglect

Child abuse is any form of physical, emotional or sexual mistreatment or lack of care that leads to injury or harm. An individual may abuse or neglect a child directly, or by failing to protect them from harm. Some forms of child abuse and neglect are listed below.

- **Emotional abuse** is the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child so as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve making the child feel that they are worthless, unloved, or inadequate. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, though it may occur alone.
- **Physical abuse** can involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, drowning, suffocating or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. Physical harm may be also caused when a parent or carer feigns the symptoms of, or deliberately causes, ill health to a child.
- **Sexual abuse** involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. This can involve physical contact, or non-contact activities such as showing children sexual activities or encouraging them to behave in sexually inappropriate ways.
- **Neglect** is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and emotional needs. It can involve a failure to provide adequate food, clothing and shelter, to protect a child from physical and emotional harm, to ensure adequate supervision or to allow access to medical treatment.

### *Signs of child abuse and neglect*

Signs of possible abuse and neglect may include:

- significant changes in a child's behaviour
- deterioration in a child's general well-being
- unexplained bruising or marks
- comments made by a child which give cause for concern
- inappropriate behaviour displayed by a member of staff, or any other person. For example, inappropriate sexual comments, excessive one-to-one attention beyond the requirements of their role, or inappropriate sharing of images.

### *If abuse is suspected or disclosed*

When a child makes a disclosure to a member of staff, that member of staff will:

- reassure the child that they were not to blame and were right to speak out
- listen to the child but not question them
- give reassurance that the staff member will take action
- record the incident as soon as possible using exact words child used

If a member of staff witnesses or suspects abuse, they will record the matter straightaway and report it to the CPO. If a third party expresses concern that a child is being abused, we will encourage them to contact Social Care directly. If they will not do so, we will explain that the Club is obliged to and the

incident will be logged accordingly.

### **Peer-on-peer abuse**

Children are vulnerable to abuse by their peers. Peer-on-peer abuse is taken seriously by staff and will be subject to the same child protection procedures as other forms of abuse. Staff are aware of the potential uses of information technology for bullying and abusive behaviour between young people.

Staff will not dismiss abusive behaviour as normal between young people. The presence of one or more of the following in relationships between children should always trigger concern about the possibility of peer-on-peer abuse:

- Sexual activity (in primary school-aged children) of any kind, including sexting
- One of the children is significantly more dominant than the other (eg much older)
- One of the children is significantly more vulnerable than the other (eg in terms of disability, confidence, physical strength)
- There has been some use of threats, bribes or coercion to ensure compliance or secrecy.

### **Sexual violence and sexual harassment**

Sexual violence refers to sexual offences as described under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 including rape and sexual assault. Sexual harassment is 'unwanted conduct of a sexual nature' that can occur online and offline and may include sexual name-calling, taunting or "jokes" and physical behaviour, for example, deliberately brushing against someone or interfering with clothes. 'Upskirting' is also a criminal offence (under the Voyeurism (Offences) Act 2019) and typically involves taking a picture under a person's clothing (not necessarily a skirt) without them knowing, in order to obtain sexual gratification or to cause humiliation, 13 distress or alarm (anyone of any gender can be a victim). Evidence shows that girls, children with SEND and LGBT children are more likely to be the victims of sexual violence and harassment and boys are more likely to be the perpetrators. However, sexual violence and sexual harassment can occur between children of any gender.

### ***If peer-on-peer abuse is suspected or disclosed***

We will follow the same procedures as set out above for responding to child abuse.

### **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)**

Are forms of abuse and both occur where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance in power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into sexual or criminal activity. Whilst age may be the most obvious, this power imbalance can also be due to a range of other factors including gender, sexual identity, cognitive ability, physical strength, status, and access to economic or other resources. In some cases, the abuse will be in exchange for something the victim needs or wants and/or will be to the financial benefit or other advantage (such as increased status) of the perpetrator or facilitator. CSE and CCE can affect both males and females and can include children who have been moved (trafficked) for the purpose of exploitation. The abuse can be perpetrated by individuals or groups, males or females, and children or adults. The abuse can be a one-off occurrence or a series of incidents over time, and range from opportunistic to complex organised abuse. It can involve force and/or enticement-based methods of compliance 14 and may, or may not, be accompanied by violence or threats of violence. Victims can be exploited even when activity appears consensual and it should be noted - exploitation, as well as being physical, can be facilitated and/or take place online. CSE can include 16 and 17 year olds who can legally consent to sex but they may not realise they are being exploited eg they believe they are in a genuine romantic relationship. A significant number of children who are victims of sexual exploitation go missing from home, care and education at some point or are targeted by criminals involved in the illegal supply of drugs (County Lines) and serious violent crime. 'County Lines' involves drug networks or individuals exploiting children and young people into carrying drugs and money between cities, towns and villages. Serious violent crime can be associated with this form of criminal activity together with child sexual exploitation. Children may also be exploited into committing cybercrime or money laundering offences and organised criminal groups or individuals may exploit children and young people with enhanced computer skills to access digital networks and/or data for criminal and financial gain. Children with bank accounts may be persuaded to allow criminals to use their banking facilities to launder money. CCE can also involve working in cannabis factories, shoplifting or pickpocketing and may involve coercing children to commit vehicle

crime or serious violence towards others. It is important to note that the experience of girls can be very different to that of boys but girls are also at risk. Criminal exploitation of children is a form of harm that can affect children in both a physical environment and online. Staff training includes raising awareness of these issues and any concerns are passed to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who will make a risk assessment and refer to Local Authority First Response Children's Duty if appropriate.

### **Extremism and radicalisation**

All childcare settings have a legal duty to protect children from the risk of radicalisation and being drawn into extremism. There are many reasons why a child might be vulnerable to radicalisation, eg:

- feeling alienated or alone
- seeking a sense of identity or individuality
- suffering from mental health issues such as depression
- desire for adventure or wanting to be part of a larger cause
- associating with others who hold extremist beliefs

### ***Signs of radicalisation***

Signs that a child might be at risk of radicalisation include:

- changes in behaviour, for example becoming withdrawn or aggressive
- claiming that terrorist attacks and violence are justified
- viewing violent extremist material online
- possessing or sharing violent extremist material

If a member of staff suspects that a child is at risk of becoming radicalised, they will record any relevant information or observations and refer the matter to the CPO.

**So-called 'honour-based' abuse** - encompasses crimes which have been committed to protect or defend the so-called "honour" of the family and/or the community, including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) (see appendix 6), forced marriage, and practices such as breast ironing. All forms of so called Honour Based Abuse are abuse (regardless of the motivation) and concerns will be passed to the Designated Safeguarding Lead for onward referral as required.

**Modern slavery and human trafficking** – can take on many forms, including sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery, servitude, forced criminality and the removal of organs. Children may be trafficked into the UK from abroad or moved around the country. Staff need to be aware of indicators which include, but not limited to, neglect, isolation, poor living conditions, having few personal belongings and a lack of trust and reluctance to seek help. Staff will refer any concerns to the DSL without delay who will take action and also refer victims to the National Referral Mechanism ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

**Private fostering arrangements** - Where a child under 16 (or 18 with a disability) is living with someone who is not their family or a close relative for 28 days or more, staff inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead so that a referral to Children's Social Care for a safety check, can be made. (A close relative includes step-parent, grandparents, uncle, aunt or sibling).

### **Logging a concern**

All information about the suspected abuse or disclosure, or concern about radicalisation, will be recorded as possible after the event. The record should include:

- date of the disclosure, or the incident, or the observation causing concern
- date and time at which the record was made
- name and date of birth of the child involved
- a factual report of what happened. If recording a disclosure, you must use the child's own words
- name, signature and job title of the person making the record.

The record will be given to the Club's CPO who will decide on the appropriate course of action.

For concerns about **child abuse**, the CPO will contact Childrens Duty Officer. 0116 3050011 or Email [childrensduty@leics.gov.uk](mailto:childrensduty@leics.gov.uk).

Urgent response required ring PRIOTY NUMBER 0116 3050005

The CPO will follow up all referrals to Social Care in writing within 48 hours. If a member of staff thinks that the incident has not been dealt with properly, they may contact Social Care directly on the above numbers.

For minor concerns regarding **radicalisation**, the CPO will contact the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) or [Local Authority Prevent Co-ordinator](#)

. For more serious concerns the CPO will contact the Police on the non-emergency number (101), or the anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321. For urgent concerns the CPO will contact the Police using 999.

### **Allegations against staff**

If anyone makes an allegation of child abuse against a member of staff:

- The allegation will be recorded on an **Incident record** form. Any witnesses to the incident should sign and date the entry to confirm it.
- The allegation must be reported to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) and to Ofsted. The LADO will advise if other agencies (eg police) should be informed, and the Club will act upon their advice. Any telephone reports to the LADO will be followed up in writing within 48 hours.
- Following advice from the LADO, it may be necessary to suspend the member of staff pending full investigation of the allegation.
- If appropriate the Club will make a referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

### **Promoting awareness among staff**

The Club promotes awareness of child abuse and the risk of radicalisation through its staff training. The Club ensures that:

- the designated CPO has relevant experience and receives appropriate training in safeguarding and the Prevent Duty, and is aware of the Channel Programme and how to access it
- designated person training is refreshed every **two/three** years
- safe recruitment practices are followed for all new staff
- all staff have a copy of this **Safeguarding (Child Protection) policy**, understand its contents and are vigilant to signs of abuse, neglect or radicalisation
- all staff are aware of their statutory duties with regard to the disclosure or discovery of child abuse, and concerns about radicalisation
- all staff receive basic safeguarding training, and safeguarding is a permanent agenda item at all staff meetings
- all staff receive basic training in the Prevent Duty
- staff are familiar with the Safeguarding File which is kept in the red box in a locked cupboard.
- the Club's procedures are in line with the guidance in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)' and staff are familiar with the guidance in 'What To Do If You're Worried A Child Is Being Abused (2015)'.

### **Support for Staff**

As part of their duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people staff may hear information, either from the child/young person as part of a disclosure or from another adult, that will be upsetting. Where a member of staff is distressed as a result of dealing with a child protection concern, he/she should in the first instance speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead about the support they require. The Designated Safeguarding Lead should seek to arrange the necessary support.



## Working with parents/carers

Fleckney Out of School will: Ensure that parents/carers have an understanding of the responsibility placed on the staff for child protection by setting out its obligations in our policy. Undertake appropriate discussion with parents/carers and seek necessary consent prior to involvement of Children & Family Services (Children's Social Care) or another agency, unless to do so would place the child at risk of harm or compromise an investigation.

## Use of mobile phones and cameras

Photographs will only be taken of children with their parents' permission. Only the club camera will be used to take photographs of children at the Club, except with the express permission of the manager. Neither staff nor children nor visitors may use their mobile phones to take photographs at the Club. For more details see our **Mobile Phone Policy**.

## Contact numbers

Social Care: [0116 3050005](tel:01163050005)

Social Care out of hours contact: [\[0116 2551606\]](tel:01162551606)

LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer): [\[0116 305797\]](tel:0116305797)

LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children Board): [\[insert contact details\]](#)

Local Authority Prevent Co-ordinator: [\[insert contact details if applicable; not all LAs have one\]](#)

Police: 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency)

Anti-terrorist hotline: 0800 789 321

NSPCC: 0808 800 500

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

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## Contact numbers

### LCC First Response Children's duty 24/7

#### Telephone Referrals – Priority 1

(Requires same day response) 0116 3050005 (including out of hours service)

#### Online Referral Forms (social Care and 'Request for services' forms)

<http://irsb.org.uk/childreport>

Address: First Response Children's Duty, Room 100B, Pen Lloyd Building, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8RA.

First Response Professionals Consultation Line 0116 30555500 (9.30am-4.30pm, 4pmon Fridays).

CSE Consultation line 0116 3059521

Early Help queries and consultation line 0116 3058727

First Response – service manage (interim)

Kay Fletcher [kay.flecher@leics.gov.uk](mailto:kay.flecher@leics.gov.uk) 0116 3055138

Heather Fish [heather.fish@leics.gov.uk](mailto:heather.fish@leics.gov.uk) 0116 3056024

Allegations manager /LADO (local authority designated officer)

Mark Goddard (Karen Bourne) 0116 3057597

Safeguarding Development officers

Simon Genders [simon.gender@leics.gov.uk](mailto:simon.gender@leics.gov.uk) 0116 3057750

Ann Prideaux [ann.prideaux@leices.gov.uk](mailto:ann.prideaux@leices.gov.uk) 0116 3057317

To book training:

Email [safeguarding.education@leics.gov.uk](mailto:safeguarding.education@leics.gov.uk) 0116 3056314

Channel referral (extremism/radicalisation)

Prevent Engagement Team 0116 2436726

CAMHS Advisory service for Professionals 0116 25955948 (8.30am-3pm)

LEPS (Leics Ed Psychology service) 0116 3055100

United Against Violence and Abuse Helpline (UAVA) 0808 802 0028

UAVA Professionals Advice and Referrals 0116 255 0004

Police 101 (non-emergency) Or 999 (emergency)

Anti-terrorist 0800 789 321

NSPCC 0808 800 500

Ofsted 0300 123 1231

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## Mobile phone policy

Fleckney out of school club fosters a 'culture of safety' in which the children and staff are protected from abuse, harm and distress. We therefore have a clear policy on the acceptable use of mobile phones that is understood and adhered to by everyone: staff, children and parents. Abiding by the terms of the clubs mobile phone policy that we all:

- Protect children from harm and abuse
- Prevent staff from being subject to false allegations
- Work in an open transparent environment

### Staff use of mobile phones

Personal mobile phones belonging to members of staff are kept in open site on the staff table during working hours.

If a member of staff needs to make an urgent personal call they can use the club phone or make a personal call from the staff room.

If a member of staff has an emergency or similar and needs to be keep their mobile to hand, prior permission must be sort from the manager or deputy.

Under no circumstances may staff use their personal mobile phones to take photographs at club during working hours.

### Children's use of mobile phones

Children are not allowed to use mobile phones at club.

The club does not accept any reasonability for loss damage to mobile phone bought to the club by children.

### Visitor's use of mobile phones

In the interest of safe guarding we ask all parents and visitors not to use their phones or other mobile devises on club premises. Taking of photographs by parents or vistors is strictly prohibited. If a parent would like a photograph of their child involved in an activity or play, they can ask a member of staff to take one using club camera.

### Related policies

See also: Safeguarding children's policy.

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## Social Media Policy

Fleckney out of school club recognises that many staff enjoy networking with friends and family via social media. However we have to balance this against our duty to maintain the confidentiality of children and parents attending our Club, as well as ensuring that our good reputation is upheld. Staff must remember that they are ambassadors for our club both within and outside of working hours and are expected to conduct themselves accordingly when using social media sites.

This policy covers (but is not limited to) social media platforms such as:

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Youtube
- Tumblr
- Personal blogs and websites
- Comments posted on third party blogs or websites
- Online forums

### Social media rules

When using social media sites, staff must not:

- Post anything that could damage our Clubs reputation.
- Post anything that could offend other members of staff, parents or children using Our club.
- Publish any photographs or materials that could identify the children or our Club.
- Accept invitations from parents to connect via social media (eg friend request on Facebook) unless they know the parent in a private capacity.
- Discuss with the parents any issues relating to their child or our Club. Instead invite the parent to raise when they are next at the Club, or to contact the manager if the matter is more urgent.

Any member of staff who posts or comments that breach confidentiality or which could harm the reputation of our Club or other staff members, or who publishes photographs of the setting or children, will face disciplinary action in line with our **Staff Disciplinary policy**.

### General cautions for using social media

When using social media in any context it is wise to bear in mind the following points:

- No information published via the internet is ever totally secure; if you don't want information to become public, do not post it online.
- Once an image or information is in the public domain, it is potentially there forever - Google never forgets!

### Related policies

See also Mobile phone policy, Confidentiality policy, Staff Disciplinary policy, Safeguarding policy.

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## Safe internet Use

Fleckney out of school club recognises the internet is a useful resource for both staff and children, for purposes of research, homework and entertainment. However it must be used with care to ensure that children are kept safe from exposure to harmful material, in accordance with the EYFS safeguarding and welfare requirements and the Prevent Duty.

### Parental permission

Children will only be allowed to access the internet at the club if their parent or carer has given written permission.

### Guidelines for children

A printed copy of the SMART guidelines are kept next to the computer. The guidelines are explained to any child wishing to access the internet.

- **Safe:** keep safe by not giving out personal information - such as name, email, phone number or school name -to people who you don't trust.
- **Meeting:** never agree to meet anyone you have only met online unless your parent or carer is with you.
- **Accepting:** do not accept emails or instant messages, or open files, images or text from people you don't know. They can contain viruses or nasty messages.
- **Reliable:** not all the information found on the internet is reliable and people you meet won't always be telling the truth.
- **Tell:** tell a member of staff or your parents if someone or something you encounter online makes you feel uncomfortable.

## Protecting children

We have put in place the following safeguards to keep children safe whilst accessing the internet on the Club's computers:

- A risk assessment has been undertaken.
- Parental control have been activated on all computers accessible to children.
  - Google safesearch filtering is turned on.
  - Youtube Restricted Mode is set to on.
- Staff keep a close eye on children and the sites that they are accessing when they use the use the internet.
- The computers have an up to date virus checker and firewall installed.
- The computers' browsers histories are regularly checked to monitor which sites are being accessed. All staff and children are informed to this fact.

If, despite the safeguards the club has put in place, a child encounters harmful material on the internet, or receive inappropriate messages, or experiences online bullying, whilst using the Club's computers, the manager will be informed and the incident will be noted on an incident Record in the child's file. The child's parent will be asked to sign the Incident

Record. The manager will investigate how to prevent a reoccurrence of the incident. If staff at the club become aware that a child is deliberately attempting to access sites containing sexual, extremist or otherwise inappropriate material, or has been shown such material by a third party, they will complete a **Logging** a concern form and refer the matter to the Club's designated Child Protection Officer in accordance with our **Safeguarding children Policy**.

**Related policies**

See also: **Safeguarding children Policy, social media.**

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## Emergency Evacuation/closure procedure

Fleckney out of school club will make every effort to keep the club open, but in exceptional circumstances, we may need to close at short notice.

Possible reasons for emergency closure:

- Serious weather conditions
- Heating system failure
- Burst water pipes
- Fire or bomb scare/explosion
- Death of a member of staff or child
- Serious accident or illness

In the event of an emergency, our primary concern will be to ensure that both children and staff are kept safe. If it is necessary to evacuate the club, the following steps will be taken.

- If appropriate the manager or session supervisor will contact the emergency services.
- All children will be escorted from the building to the assembly point using the nearest safe exit.
- No attempt will be made to collect personal belongings, or to re-enter the building after the evacuation.
- A nominated member of staff will check the premises and will collect the register (including emergency contact details).
- Before leaving the building the nominated person will close all accessible doors and windows, if it is safe to do so.
- The register will be taken and all children and staff accounted for.
- If any persons is missing from the register, the emergency services will be informed immediately.
- The manager will contact parents to collect their children. If the register is not available, the manager will use the emergency contact contacts list (which is kept off site).
- All children will be supervised until they are collected.
- If after every attempt, a child's parents or carers cannot be contacted, the club will follow uncollected child procedure.

If the club has to close, even temporarily, or operate from alternative premises, as a result of the emergency, we will notify Ofsted.

Ofsted's address is: Piccadilly gate, store street, Manchester M1 2WD

Telephone 0300 123 1231

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## **Equalities policy**

At Fleckney Out of school Club we will ensure that we provide a safe and caring environment, free from discrimination, for everyone in our community including children with additional needs.

To achieve the Club's objective of creating an environment free from discrimination and welcoming to all, the club will:

- Respect the different racial origins, religions, cultures and languages in a multi-ethnic society so that each child is valued as an individual without racial or gender stereotyping.
- Not discriminate against children on the grounds of disability, sexual orientation, class or family status.
- Help all the children to celebrate and express their cultural and religious identity by providing a wide range of appropriate resources and activities.
- Strive to ensure that children feel good about themselves and others, by celebrating the differences which make us all unique individuals.
- Ensure that its services are available to all parents/carers and children in the local community.
- Ensure that the Clubs recruitment policies and procedures are open, fair and non-discriminatory.
- Work to fulfil all the legal requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

### **Challenging inappropriate attitudes and practises**

We will challenge inappropriate attitudes and practises by engaging children and adults in discussion, by displaying positive images of race and disability, and through our staff modelling anti-discriminatory behaviour at all times.

### **Racial harassment**

The club will not tolerate any form of racial harassment. The club will challenge racist and discriminatory remarks, attitudes and behaviour from children at the Club, from staff and any other adults on Club premises (eg parents/carers collecting children)

### **Promoting equal opportunities**

- Staff receive relevant and appropriate training
- The Equalities policy is consistent with current legislation guidance
- Appropriate action is taken wherever discriminatory behaviour, language or attitudes occur.

### **Children with additional needs**

Our club recognises that some children have additional needs or physical disabilities that require particular support and assistance. We will assess the individual needs of each child in construction with their parents prior to their attending Club, and will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that children can access our services and are made to feel welcome.



### **Special Education Needs Coordinator**

The Clubs Special Educational needs Coordinator (SENCO) is Rachel Craven. The SENCO will:

- Manage the provision for the children with special educational needs or physical disabilities.
- Be trained and experienced in the care and assessment of such children.

All members of staff will assist the SENCO in caring for children with additional needs or physical disabilities.

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## Confidentiality policy

At fleckney out of school club we respect the privacy of the children attending the club and the privacy of their parents or carers. Our aim is to ensure that all those using and working at fleckney out of school club can do so with confidence.

We will respect confidentiality in the following ways:

- Parents can ask to see records relating to their child, but will not have access to information about any other child.
- Staff only discuss individual children for purpose of planning group management.
- Staff are made aware of the importance of confidentiality during their induction process.
- Information given by parents to club staff will not be passed on to third parties without permission unless there is safeguarding issue (as covered in our safeguarding policy)
- Concerns or evidence relating to a child's safety, will be kept in a confidential file and will not be shared within the club, except with the designated child protection officer and the manager.
- Issue relating to the employment of staff, whether paid or voluntary, will remain confidential to those making personnel decisions.
- Confidential records are stored securely in a lockable file.
- Students on work placements and volunteers are informed of our confidentiality policy and are required to respect it.

### Sharing information with outside agencies

We will only share information with outside agencies on a need to know basis and with consent from parents, except in cases relating to safeguarding children or criminal activity. If we decide to share information without parental consent, we will record this in the child's file, clearly stating our reasons.

We will only share relevant information that is accurate and up to date. Our primary commitment is to the safety and well-being of the children in our care.

### Data Protection Act

We comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018, regarding obtaining, storing and using personal data.

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# Fleckney Out of School Club

## Photograph Permission Form

The use of photographs is an important developmental tool which is widely used in play and educational settings for recording, sharing and displaying activities that your children have undertaken. At Fleckney Out of School Club we take the issue of child protection very seriously and we would never knowingly publish an image of your child without your consent.

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As the parent or carer of the child named below, I grant permission for images of my son or daughter to be used for the following purposes:

*(please tick for consent)*

- Electronic and printed displays and exhibitions at the Club (eg photos of activities)
- Observation and assessment
- Club records of my child
- To accompany staff or student coursework
- Website for Club
- Promotional material for the Club
- Local newspaper or magazine
- Other

I understand that personal details or names of any child in a photograph will never be given in such a way that would allow them to be individually identified.

I understand that this image will NOT be used for anything which may be viewed as negative in tone or that may cause offence, embarrassment or distress for the child or their parent or carer.

I understand that there will be no payment for my child's participation.

Child's name: .....

Signed: .....  
*(parent/carer)*

Date: .....

Print name: .....

# Out of School Club

## Early Years Foundation Stage Policy

[Fleckney Out of School Club](#) is committed meeting the requirements of the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2020* (EYFS). EYFS applies to all children from birth through to the end of their reception year. More information about EYFS is available from the Department for Education's website.

The designated EYFS coordinator at the Club is [Suzanne Bottrill](#) who is responsible for:

- Identifying EYFS children when they join the Club, and informing the other staff
- Determining the primary EYFS provider (typically, the school) for each child
- Implementing a communication book, so that the parents, Club and the primary EYFS provider can easily exchange information
- Agreeing information sharing policies with the primary EYFS provider and gaining parental consent for this where necessary
- Liaising with the primary EYFS provider to discuss what support the Club offers to EYFS children

The Club provides a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. The Club always follows play principles, allowing children to choose how they occupy their time, and never forces them to participate in a given activity.

We recognise overarching principles of EYFS

Four guiding principals should shape practice in early years settings. These are:

- Every child is **Unique child**, who is constantly learning through and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- Children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**.
- Children learn and develop well in **enabling environments with teaching and support from adults**, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time. Children benefit from a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and/or carers.
- Importance of **learning and development**. Children develop and learn at different rates. The framework covers the education and care of all children in early years provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

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## Play Policy

All children are entitled to play; it is intrinsic to their quality of life and an important part of how they learn and enjoy themselves.

According to the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2022)*, “Play is essential for children’s development building their confidence as they learn to explore to think about problems and relate to others. Children learn by leading their own play and by taking part in play which is guided by adults.”

At Fleckney Out of School Club we recognise the importance of play to a child’s development and follow the Playwork Principles. As play workers we support and facilitate play, and do not seek to control or direct it. We will never force children to participate in play, but allow children to initiate and direct the experience for themselves.

## Facilitating play

We support and facilitate play by:

- Providing an environment which is safe and suitable for playing in.
- Providing a range of equipment, resources and activities on a daily basis, and keeping a record of these to ensure that varied play opportunities are offered
- Encouraging children to request additional or alternative equipment as they choose, and if a request has to be refused, explaining why.
- Not expecting children to be occupied at all times.
- Making outdoor play available every day, unless the weather is particularly bad.
- Involving children in planning activities, to reflect their own interests and ideas.
- Planning activities that enable children to develop their natural curiosity and imagination.
- Allowing children freedom of creative expression, particularly in artistic or creative play.
- Intervening in play only when necessary: to reduce risks of accident or injury, or to encourage appropriate social skills.
- Warning children in advance when an activity or game is due to end.

## Play areas and equipment

- All indoor and outdoor play areas are checked and risk assessed daily before the children arrive in accordance with our **Risk Assessment** policy.
- The Club keeps an inventory of resources and equipment, which is updated regularly and reviewed to identify where any additional resources are required.
- Children are involved in selecting additional equipment and resources for use at the Club.
- The resources used at the Club promote positive images of different ethnic backgrounds, religions, and abilities, in line with our **Equal Opportunities** policy.
- The Club has a selection of fiction and non-fiction books, suitable for all age ranges.

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## **Complaints policy**

At fleckney out of school club we aim to work in Partnership with parents to deliver high quality childcare service for everyone. If for any reason we fall short of this goal, we would like to be informed in order to amend our practices for the future. Our complaints policy is displayed on the premises at all times. Records of all complaints are kept for at least three years. A summary of complaints is available for parents on request.

The manager is usually responsible for dealing with complaints. If the complaint is about the manager, the registered person or other senior member of staff will investigate the matter. Any complaints received about staff members will be recorded on an Incident log and a Complaints log will be completed. Any complaint made will be dealt with in the following matter:

### **Stage one**

Complaints about aspects of club activity

- The manager will discuss the matter informally with the person or carer concerned and aim to reach a satisfactory resolution.

Complaints about an individual staff member:

- If appropriate the parent will be encouraged to discuss the matter with staff concerned.
- If the parent feels that this is not appropriate, the matter will be discussed with the manager, who will then discuss the complaint with the staff member and try and reach a satisfactory resolution.

### **Stage two**

If it is impossible to reach a satisfactory resolution to the complaint through informal discussion, the parent or carer should put their complaint in writing to the manager. The manager will:

- Acknowledge receipt of the letter within 7 days.
- Investigate the matter and notify the complainant of the outcome within 28 days.
- Send a full response in writing, to all relevant parties, including details of any recommended changes made to the clubs practice or policies as a result of the complaint.
- Meet the relevant parties to discuss the clubs response to the complaint, either together or on an individual basis.

If child protection issues raised, the manager will refer the situation to the Clubs Child Protection officer, who will then contact the Local Authority Designated officer (LADO) and follow the procedures of Safeguarding Children Policy. If a criminal act may have been committed, the manager will contact the police.

### **Making a complaint to Ofsted**

Any parent or carer can submit a complaint to Ofsted about Fleckney Out of School club at any time. Ofsted will consider an investigation all complaints. Ofsted's address is: Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester M1 2WD

Telephone: 0300 123 1231 (general enquires)  
0300 123 4666 (complaints)

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## **Staff Disciplinary Procedure**

Fleckney out of school club aims to have a team of well-motivated, highly skilled and professional staff. However, should the behaviour or performance of a member of staff fall below the high standards that we expect we will follow the procedure set out below. Staff will not be dismissed for the first breach of discipline except in the case of gross misconduct.

Staff have the right to appeal at all stages of the procedure and this will be confirmed within the warning or dismissal letter. The member of staff will have the opportunity to ask questions and answer allegations, and has the right to be accompanied by a colleague or union representative to disciplinary meetings.

### **Minor offences**

The manager will try to resolve the matter by informal discussions with the member of staff. If this does not resolve the problem, the formal disciplinary procedure will be followed.

### **Formal disciplinary procedure**

The stages of the formal disciplinary procedure are:

1. Formal verbal warning
2. First written warning
3. Second written warning
4. Dismissal

### **Disciplinary meetings**

For each stage of the procedure the manager will hold a disciplinary meeting with a member of staff to explore the misconduct or performance issue, and, if still applicable follow the discussion at the meeting, will then the appropriate type of warning (or dismissal notice).

### **Before the meeting**

Before each disciplinary meeting the manager will write to inform the member of staff of the date and purpose of the meeting, of the specific disciplinary issue to be discussed, and of their right to be accompanied by a colleague or union representative.

### **After the meeting**

Following each disciplinary meeting the manager will write to the member of staff to confirm:

- That a verbal, first written or final written warning has been issued (depending on the stage of the disciplinary process).
- What the warning was for
- What improvement in conduct or performance is expected and within what timescale
- The consequences of further misconduct or lack of performance
- How long the warning will be kept on file
- How they can appeal against the decision

### **Keeping notes of warnings**

Notes of warnings will be kept in the staff member's personal file as follows:

- Formal verbal warning: A note of the warning will be kept on file, but will be disregarded after six months if their performance or conduct is satisfactory.



- First written warning: A copy of the warning will be kept on file, but will be disregarded after 12 months if their performance or conduct is satisfactory.
- Final written warning: a copy of the final written warning will be kept on file, but will be disregarded after 24 months if the performance or conduct of the member of staff remains satisfactory.

### **Dismissal**

If, during the period of the final written warning, there is a further breach of Club rules, or if the member of staff's performance has still not improved, dismissal will normally result. The described above for the earlier disciplinary meetings.

Immediately after the final disciplinary meeting the manager will write to the member of staff to confirm:

- That at the disciplinary meeting it was decided that their conduct/performance was still unsatisfactory and that they will be dismissed
- Why they are being dismissed
- When their last day of service will be
- How they can appeal against the decision

If the decision was taken not to dismiss the member of staff, this must also be confirmed in writing.

### **Gross misconduct**

Staff will be dismissed without notice if they are found to have committed an act of gross misconduct. Examples of gross misconduct include:

- Child abuse
- Failing to comply with health and safety requirements
- Physical violence
- Ignoring a direct instruction given by the manager
- Persistent bullying, sexual or racial harassment
- Being unfit for work through alcohol or illegal drug use
- Theft, fraud or falsification of documents
- Being disqualified under the terms of the statutory framework for the early year's foundation stage (section 75 of the childcare Act 2006) or the children's act 1989.

The manager will investigate the alleged incident thoroughly before any decision to dismiss is made.

### **Referral to Disclosure and Barring service**

If a member of staff is dismissed (or would have been dismissed if they had not left the setting first) because they have harmed a child or put at risk of harm, we will make a referral to the Disclosure and Barring service.

### **Notification to Ofsted**

The club will notify Ofsted if a member of staff becomes disqualified, or if any significant event occurs which is likely to affect their suitability. Note that a member of staff could become disqualified through the actions of a partner or housemate.

## Appeals

A member of staff wishing to appeal against a disciplinary decision must do so in writing stating the grounds for the appeal, and within five working days of being informed of the decision. A meeting to hear the appeal, and will be set up no more than ten working days later. The member of staff has the right to be accompanied to the appeal hearing. Within ten working days the appeal hearing, the manager will inform the member of staff in writing of the outcome of the appeal hearing.

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