



# St Philip Westbrook C of E Primary School

"Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly"

## St. Philips Link Club Policies and Procedures

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## **MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

The club is a partnership between the Governors of St Philip School Westbrook, parents/carers and the children.

The management of the club will be the responsibility of the Management Team and the Governors. All parents and children will be encouraged to contribute to the club. Your suggestions are valued. All contributions from staff are valued. The Structure of the club is as follows:

**School Governing Body**



**Head Teacher**



**Business Manager**



**Link Club Supervisor**



**Link Club Administrator**



**Playworkers**

## **VALUES AND ETHOS**

At St Philip Westbrook Church of England Primary School we all work together to achieve our vision of 'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly.' Christian values are at the heart of our teaching and learning and we encourage all of our children to put these values into practice in every aspect of school life. Our values are:

- Respect
- Hope
- Trust
- Fairness
- Compassion
- Wisdom
- Fellowship
- Perseverance

*"Values such as fellowship, perseverance, trust and compassion are firmly seen in pupils' excellent spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Pupils know these are fundamental values for a caring cohesive society and understand how these underpin the school rules."* Ofsted Report

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

The Link Club has two sites within the premises of the school.

### **How the Two Sites are Divided**

Link Club runs from two sites, the cabin and the small hall.

Children are allocated between the 2 rooms based on demand, with all year groups using both sites.

## **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA**

The admissions criteria will be as follows:

1. Children in care
2. Children joining Reception class at the start of the new academic year
3. Children with a sibling already attending the Club.
4. Children requiring full time sessions.
5. Children requiring part time sessions.

Parents/Carers requiring a place at the club for their child/children are asked to complete an application form. They will then be allocated a place using the above criteria or placed on a waiting list until a place becomes available.

The administration of the waiting list is the responsibility of the Link Club Administrator and this is reviewed weekly. Priority will be given to children who have been on the list longest and who fit the admissions criteria.

It is also our policy to accommodate any child, where possible, in emergency situations i.e. when a place is required at short notice due to family emergencies, illness, bereavement etc. but this is dependent upon adult:child ratios and cannot be guaranteed.

### **Attendance Criteria**

Places are offered according to the Admissions Criteria above; in the event of applications exceeding places, we will open a waiting list and you will be informed if you have been offered a place or are on the waiting list as soon as possible.

If a waiting list is opened, and in order to maintain a Link Club waiting list and be fair and transparent to all families, the following criteria for offered places is as follows:

1. All sessions paid for must be attended regularly.
2. If sessions are not regularly attended, Link Club Management will review each half term period. Families will be contacted to advise that if sessions are not regularly attended we reserve the right to offer the place to a family at the top of the waiting list.
3. In the event of a place being withdrawn, we will refund any sessions not used at the relevant rate, depending on whether sessions paid for have been morning or afternoon.
4. We reserve the right to review individual cases.

## **PAYMENT POLICY**

Fees are invoiced half termly in advance. Payment can be made by childcare vouchers or directly to our bank account, the details of which are on the bottom of invoices. Payment must be made by the date shown on the invoice.

Breakfast Club     £5.00 per session - 7.30am – 8.40am (last entry for breakfast at 8.15am.)  
Afterschool Club   £10.00 per session - Children are collected at their relevant class finish time. Link club closes promptly at 6.00pm

Families with two or more children attending three or more sessions, a family discount of 10% will be deducted from the second child's fees and 5% from the third child's fees.

If a child is absent sessions must be paid for.

A £10 registration fee will also be charged to all new starters, which is non-refundable. All new starters to the club must also pay their first half term's fees in advance prior to starting the club.

## **Overdue fees**

If for any reason payment cannot be made, contact should be made with the Link Club Administrator as soon as possible; they will make every effort to liaise with the parent/carer to resolve the problem. We do not allow arrears to accumulate; if fees remain unpaid the family will be asked to leave the club.

## **Childcare Vouchers**

The club is registered with a number of childcare voucher providers.  
This information is available by emailing to: [sphilips\\_linkclub@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:sphilips_linkclub@sch.warrington.gov.uk)

## **Drop Off / Collection**

Breakfast Club Opening Times: 7.30am – 8.40am. (last entry for breakfast at 8.15am)

- Children should be escorted to the relevant room and will be signed in by link club staff on arrival.
- Children must arrive by 8.15am, as this is when breakfast is stopped being served.
- No responsibility will be taken for the children prior to 7.30am.
- No responsibility will be taken for children not signed into Link Club, please ensure your child is handed over to a member of Link Club staff only.

## **Delivering Children to and from the Club to School**

Breakfast - All children will arrive at their respective classrooms by 8.45am.

After School Club Opening Times: 3.05pm - 6.00pm.

Children must be signed out at the end of every session. The parent/carer must make themselves known to the Link Club Staff, they must also inform the Club staff if there is any change to the collection routine i.e. different person. A mobile contact number has been given to all parents so that Link Club Staff can be contacted during club link club opening hours. Alternatively, messages for Link Club can be left with the School Office during the day or emailed to the Link Club Administrator:

[StPhilips\\_linkclub@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:StPhilips_linkclub@sch.warrington.gov.uk).

## **Collection of Children from Link Club**

Parents will have at least four contacts for people who are allowed to collect their child from club. If a person collecting a child is not known to the club staff or they are not on a collection list, staff will ring the parent for confirmation, the child will not be released with any adult until this confirmation is received.

If a parent contacts the club or link club administrator to inform them that a person who is unknown to staff will be collecting their child, we will implement a password procedure with the parent. The parent will choose a one-time only password to give to the person collecting the child, if the password does not match the password given the child will not be allowed to be collected by that person; contact will then be made with the parents.

## **Non-Attendance**

If a child is not attending club for any reason, a parent must inform the link club administrator by phone or by email, [stphilips\\_linkclub@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:stphilips_linkclub@sch.warrington.gov.uk) before 2.30pm if possible. If a message is not received the child will be sent to club as normal and will have to be collected from the club.

It is the parent/carers responsibility to inform school/link about non-attendance, not the child. Where a child is insistent that they should walk home or not attend link club they will be taken to Link Club and staff will contact the parent for confirmation, until this confirmation is received the child will stay at Link Club.

Parents must ensure that their registration forms contain at least four people who can be contacted in an emergency and have permission to collect their child. Please also ensure that the people listed are informed of the link club and school telephone numbers to ensure they answer their phone.

## Late Collection Charge

Parents are expected to collect their children and be leaving the premises by 6.00pm promptly.

A late collection charge of £5 will be made for every fifteen minutes after the end of the session time (6.00 pm). Two members of staff will stay with the child until a parent/carer arrives. Parents/carers must call link club and inform them if they are to be late to ensure minimum upset to the child.

6.01 – 6.15 - £5.00 charge

6.16 – 6.30 – increases to £10

6.31 – 6.45 – increases to £15 and so on

## Uncollected Children

In the event that a child is not collected by an authorised adult at the end of the session, the Link Club puts into practice agreed procedures. This ensures that the child is cared for safely by an experienced and qualified practitioner who is known to the child.

We will ensure that the child receives a high standard of care in order to cause as little distress as possible.

If a child is not collected at the end of a session we will:

- Check the child's contact details and try and contact their parent/carer and every other contact on their file.
- If the child has not been collected and parents/carers are not responding to calls the Business Manager will be informed.
- If a child has not been collected after one hour the SBM will inform the Headteacher/DSL before contacting the local authority's Children's Services Team.

## Missing Children

Children's safety is the highest priority with the procedures we have in place it would be unlikely that a child could go missing, however in the event of a child found to be missing or leaving the club, during the session without a member of staff being aware we will:

- Inform all Link Club staff.
- Check the registers to make sure all other children are on the premises.
- Check doors and gates for any breach of security.
- Carry out a thorough search of the building, playgrounds and garden areas.
- If the child is not found, the parent is contacted and the missing child reported to the police within 5 – 10 minutes.
- Link Club staff establish when and where the child was last seen and records this.
- Link Club staff contact the Business Manager to inform of the current situation.

## Homework Policy

Link Club is a place where children feel safe, happy and relaxed.

It is not an extension of school and therefore activities will be based around play and fun.

The Link Club is **not** a homework club, the staff are **not** Teaching Assistants and will **not** be expected to complete homework with the children.

If a child requests the time to complete their homework they will be allowed to do so, a quiet area will be available for activities such as reading. However, it is ultimately the parent/carers responsibility to check any homework that the child decides to complete within the Link Club.



## DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Our Christian values are at the heart of our school and our link club and create a loving environment that promotes the care and nurture of the whole community.

Our school vision 'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly' is lived out day by day and ensures that there are the highest expectations in developing positive relationships, where children value and respect one another and try hard to be considerate, responsible and caring members of our school and our link club.

The Holy Spirit, our Comforter, helps us to behave: Galatians 5:22-23: "God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, **peaceful**, patient, kind, good, **faithful**, gentle, and self-controlled.

Our Behaviour policy is based upon the following Christian values:

- Respect
- Fellowship
- Trust
- Wisdom
- Compassion
- Fairness
- Perseverance
- Hope

These values underpin all our work and are reflected in our school rules; we encourage children to apply these values throughout school life and beyond.

We will challenge unacceptable behaviour at all times, and to encourage positive behaviour we praise, reward and identify the positive, and when necessary apply sanctions to combat negative behaviour.

We will:

- Find out the reasons for the behaviour and provide explanations as to why the behaviour is unacceptable.
- Be consistent in our approach to unacceptable behaviour. All staff will support each other in this approach, and inform each other of any methods used successfully.
- Draw up a Code of Conduct by the children and staff.
- Report all serious incidents to School Management Team.
- If unacceptable behaviour of any kind persists the place at Link Club will be withdrawn.

Informally and in conjunction with parents/carers, we will decide what methods to use to correct any unacceptable behaviour, it is hoped that these methods will be reinforced at home. Each child is an individual and so methods used will vary but will be adapted according to the possible causes and the child's developmental age and needs.

Link Club hopes to work in partnership with parents/carers and will inform parents of any behavioural issues as and when they occur, this will be communicated to them either by the staff within club, or via email from the Link Club Administrator.

We will:

- Inform parents in club or via email to let them know of any issues or situations occurring within the club involving their child.
- Monitor the situation in conjunction with parents giving daily/weekly updates if necessary by email.
- Meet with the parents to discuss methods or strategies which can be used to try and resolve behavioural issues.

In the event that behavioural issues continue and they are having adverse effects on the children in our care or staff we will revoke the child's place at the club.

This decision would not be taken lightly and would only be made once all of the above actions have been followed. As a childcare provision we have a duty of care for all the children attending the club, and also our staff; if a child's behaviour is jeopardising the level of care that we can give this becomes a safeguarding issue and must be addressed immediately.

The complaints procedure will be open to any parents/carers who have any concerns arising from this.

## **Our Code of Conduct which has been created by our children**

We want our club to be a place where we....

Have Fun  
Be happy (everyone)  
Be quiet if we want to be  
Can help others if they are hurt  
Be clean and tidy  
Be nice to each other  
Listen to others  
Sit together to have drinks and snacks  
Help each other  
Tell the truth  
Be safe  
Play together

To be able to do this we need to.....

Not fight or argue  
Not tease each other  
Put toys away when we have finished and help tidy our mess  
Not shout at each other  
Not throw things  
Not call each other names  
Understand that 'Mum and/or Dad' will be told if we continue to misbehave.

## **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all Link Club staff have the welfare and wellbeing of all children in their care at the heart of all that they do in order to keep children safe from harm.

### **We aim to safeguard children by:**

- Running annual training for staff.
- Working with children, parents and the community to ensure the rights and safety of children and to give them the very best start in life.
- Ensuring that all staff and parents are made aware of our safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Providing adequate and appropriate staffing resources to meet the needs of children.
- Abiding by Ofsted requirements in respect of references and make sure that all staff and volunteers have the appropriate checks to ensure that no disqualified person/unsuitable person works at the setting or has access to the children.
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used by staff or children within the setting during session times. All staff phones are kept in their handbags/coats and put into a cupboard or locker.
- The use of a camera is restricted.
- Ensuring that volunteers do not work unsupervised.
- Making sure that any suspicions and investigations regarding children's welfare are kept confidential and shared only with those who need to know.
- Having procedures for recording the details of visitors to the setting.

### **Responding to safeguarding concerns**

If any member of staff has a genuine concern regarding the welfare of a child, they should complete a Safeguarding Concern Form, with as much detail as possible and refer this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

- We acknowledge that abuse of children can take different forms – physical, emotional, sexual as well as neglect.
- When children are suffering from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, or may be experiencing neglect, this may be demonstrated through the things they say (direct or indirect disclosure) or through changes in their appearance, behaviour or play.
- When such evidence is apparent, the child's key person makes a dated record of the details of the concern, (copy of the form in the appendices), and gives this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). The DSL will then take the appropriate action, it is important that the reporting member of staff checks the outcomes of the concern with the DSL.
- If a child makes comments to a member of staff that gives cause for concern (disclosure), or staff observe signs or signals that gives cause for concern, such as significant changes in behaviour, deterioration in general wellbeing, unexplained bruising, marks or signs of possible abuse or neglect the staff member will:  
Make a written record (objectively) of the observation/disclosure that includes: the date and time of the observation/disclosure, the exact words of the child, the name of the person to whom the concern was reported, with the date, time and the names of any person present at the time.  
**These records are signed and dated and handed to the Schools Designated Safeguarding Lead.**
- We have procedures for contacting Warrington Borough Council's Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to report child protection concerns.

### **Informing Parents**

- Parents are normally the first point of contact.
- If a suspicion is recorded, parents are informed at the same time that the report is made, except where the guidance from local Safeguarding Children officer does not allow.

## **Training**

- Our Designated Safeguarding Leads provide annual safeguarding training, at the start of every academic year, held in house for all staff, it is obligatory that they attend.
- We seek out training opportunities for all adults, involved in the setting to ensure that they are able to recognise the signs and signals of possible physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect and that they are aware of the local authority guidelines for making referrals.
- We ensure that all staff understand and are aware of the procedures for reporting and recording their concerns in the setting.
- All staff must sign to say that they have read and understood the latest update of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' published by The Department for Education.

## **Managing an allegation of abuse against a member of staff**

Link Club will work with, children, parents and the community to ensure the rights and safety of children.

- We ensure that all staff and parents are made aware of our safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Applicants for posts within the Club are clearly informed that the positions are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- Candidates are informed of the need to carry out our 'enhanced disclosure' checks with the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service), previously known as Criminal Records Bureau, before posts can be confirmed.
- All parents know how to complain about the behaviour or actions of staff/volunteers within the Club or anyone within the setting which may include allegations of abuse.
- We follow the guidance of the Safeguarding Children Board when responding to any complaints that a member of staff/volunteer or anyone working in the premises has abused a child.
- We record details of any such alleged complaint.
- We refer any such complaint immediately to the Local Authority's Designated Officer (LADO) for managing allegations about staff.
- The LADO will advise the school when it is necessary for the Head Teacher to suspend the member of staff on full pay, or prevent the volunteer from helping in the setting, for the duration of this investigation.

**This is not an indication or admission that the alleged incident has taken place, but is to protect the staff as well as the children and families throughout the process.**

## **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Developing partnerships with parents and carers is essential to the quality and development of the club. The Club will provide parents and carers with as much information as possible about the services we provide. We welcome any suggestions on how to improve our setting and will give prompt and serious attention to any concerns about the running of the setting.

If a parent is unhappy or has a concern about any aspect of the settings provision they should follow the procedures below:

- Any parent who has a concern about any aspect of the setting's provision should report their concerns to our Link Club Administrator either by email, telephone or face to face.
- All concerns will be investigated by the School Business Manager and the results of the investigation will be issued to the parent in writing. It is hoped that complaints should be resolved amicably at this stage.
- If this does not have a satisfactory outcome, the parent can put their concerns or complaint in writing to the Management Committee at the address below:

**Link Club**

**St Philip (Westbrook) CE Aided Primary School**

**Westbrook Centre**

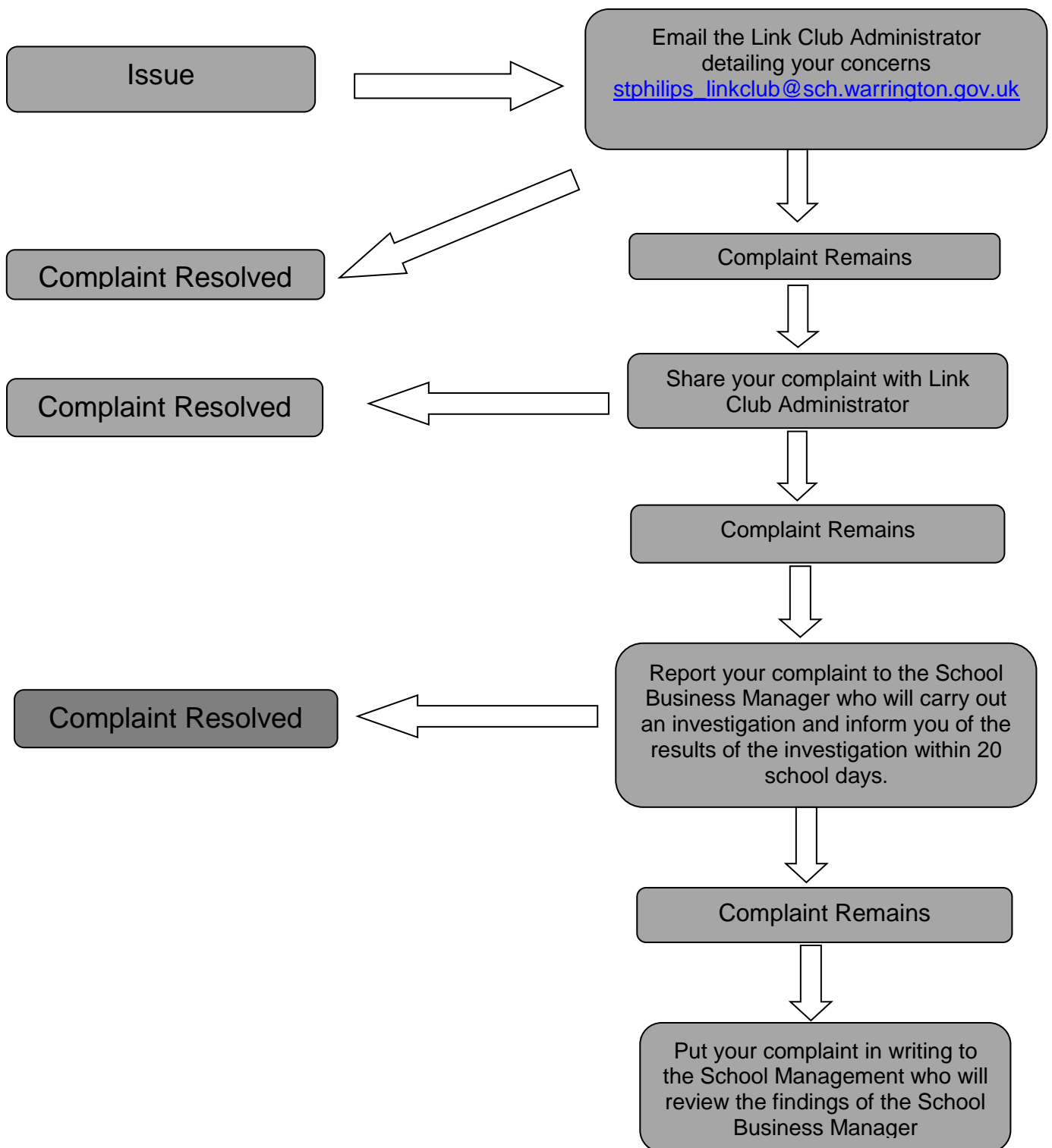
**Westbrook**

**Warrington**

**WA5 8UE**

All details of the complaint will be recorded and filed appropriately.

## SUMMARY OF DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS



## **EMPLOYMENT POLICY**

### **Ratios**

We provide a staffing ratio in line with local authority guidelines and Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. To meet this aim we use the following ratios of adults to children:

Children aged 4 –11years = 1 adult to 10 children

- A minimum of two staff/adults are on duty at any one time.
- We use a key person approach to ensure that all children have a named member of staff to form a relationship with, who will liaise with parents for the child's wellbeing and support their individual needs.

### **Vetting and Staffing Selection**

- We work toward offering equality of opportunity by using non-discriminatory procedures for staff recruitment and selection.
- All staff have job descriptions which set out their roles and responsibilities.
- We welcome applications from all sections of the community.
- We use Ofsted guidance on obtaining references and enhanced staff and volunteers who will have supervised access to children.
- We keep all records relating to employment of staff and volunteers.
- All those involved with recruitment will follow an agreed recruitment procedure. This includes the format process for job Description, Application Forms, Advertisements, Selection and Induction.

## **CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

All efforts will be made to ensure that premises and tasks are accessible to those with disabilities. It is also important that those dependants are not discriminated against. Work patterns will be considered to determine which are essential and which could be flexible.

Equal opportunities will be considered in all aspects of staff terms and conditions and will be reviewed. This will look at leave for periods of maternity, paternity, sickness, dependants and adoption or fostering.

Link Club aims to ensure that staff do not suffer offensive language or behaviour in the workplace. Staff contracts will state that offensive language or behaviour is not acceptable. Any use or misuse of Drugs or any form of Substance abuse will not be tolerated and alleged use must be reported to the Club Manager.

Staff Training needs will be reviewed regularly and arranged as appropriate.

Any complaints or grievance from a member of staff should be made to the Head teacher who will refer the matter to the Management Committee.

All staff will be expected to follow the procedures/guidelines for Health and Safety in the Workplace.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Link Club is committed to achieving a service which provides equal opportunities and freedom from discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, class or disability in both the service provided and employment. Link Club is committed to taking positive action to eliminate discrimination in all areas of its work. To achieve this, the following statements have been produced.

### **Anti-Racism Statement**

In recognition of the fact that we live in a multi-racial and multi-cultural society, we wish to promote understanding of and commitment to, the principles of racial equality and justice.

Childhood is an important time for developing awareness and adults have a responsibility to encourage positive attitudes.

Link Club welcomes, respects and values every child and their family.

It is intended that:

- All staff and volunteers become aware of racism, its effect and the implications to our work.
- All staff are encouraged to provide an anti-racist environment.
- All public relations and marketing of the service will reflect our multi-racial society and have an anti-racist perspective.
- Staff recruitment methods are actively anti-racist.
- All training is anti –racist in content and conduct.

### **Anti-Sexism Statement**

Link Club is committed to achieving a service which provides equal opportunities and freedom from discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, class or disability in both the service provided and employment.

We live in a society in which the process of sexual stereotyping leads people to conform to gender roles which can inhibit the individual's attitudes, preferences and aspirations.

The effects of sexism impoverish both sexes, by limiting horizons and restricting choices. The process of acquiring and practising sexist attitudes is subtle and largely unconscious.

### **Implementation of the Equal Opportunities Policy**

Equal opportunities will be considered in all aspects of the service that Link Club provides. This will be reviewed regularly and monitored for effectiveness.

Language or behaviour designed to be offensive to any groups outlined in our statement is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Notice to users will explicitly state, that discriminatory language or behaviour is not acceptable. All offensive language/behaviour will be challenged.

### **We will review equal opportunities by:**

- Consulting with other organisations/seek expert advice.
- Monitor admissions and consider if they are representative.
- Review publicity for positive images and a clear statement of our equal opportunities policy.
- Provide equal access to activities and resources.
- Looking at accessibility to all.
- Recognising that staff are important role models for children and the image of the club. We will aim to employ workers that represent all sections of the community.



## **Disability Policy Statement**

This statement enables Link Club to promote equality of opportunity for children with special needs and their parents and carers.

Link Club also seek to encourage access to children and parents and carers with disabilities. We aim to make full use of the skills and abilities of workers both voluntary and paid and to assist them in suitable employment or work as appropriate within the organisation.

## **Special Needs Policy**

Our Link Club aims to provide appropriate learning opportunities for all children.

- Children with special needs, like all other children, are welcomed by our Club.
- We liaise our Special Needs Co-ordinator for St Philip School when any child with extra needs attends our Link Club.
- Staff when possible, attend training on special needs.
- We work closely with parents of children with special needs to create and maintain a positive partnership.

## **POLICY ON ALCOHOL/OTHER SUBSTANCES**

Link Club places high importance on ensuring that staff and other adults working with children are suitable to do so.

- At induction, staff are informed about the legal requirements when working directly with children that they must not be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which may affect their ability to care for children.
- Staff must inform the Manager if any medication they are on at induction and at any further point if it may affect their ability to care for the children, the manager makes a dated record of this in the confidential file for staffing.
- If there are concerns about a member of staff relating to alcohol or other substances these concerns will be discussed with the employee and action taken through the school's disciplinary procedures if necessary.

## **HEALTH POLICY**

**Good Health is important. To ensure the health of both children and adults in Link Club the following policy has been adopted:**

### **Outdoor Play**

- Children will have the opportunity to play in fresh air throughout the year, weather dependent

### **Illness**

- Parents are asked to keep children at home if they have an infection and to inform the Link Club as to the nature of the infection so that Link Club staff can make careful observation of any child who seems unwell.
- Parents are asked to keep at home any child who has been vomiting or has diarrhoea until at least 48 hours have elapsed since the last episode. If your child tells us that they have been sick within 24 hours, we will ring you to come and pick them up.
- Cuts or open sores, whether on adults or children, should be kept covered with a plaster or other dressing.
- Link Club will ensure that the first aid box is kept clean and replenished as necessary.

## **Personal Hygiene**

- Staff will ensure that children will wash their hands following messy activities, outdoor play, after using the toilet and before they eat.
- A box of tissues will be available and children will be encouraged to blow and wipe their noses when necessary.
- Children will be encouraged to shield their mouths when coughing.
- Children will wash their hands using a soap free cleanser that is dispensed for individual use.

## **Cleaning and Clearing**

- Any spills of blood, vomit or excrement will be wiped up and flushed down the toilet. Staff will always wear protective disposable gloves when cleaning up any bodily fluids. Floors and affected surfaces will be dis-infected.
- Any soiled garments will be wrapped in a polythene bag.
- All surfaces will be regularly wiped with an anti-bacterial solution or a sterilising solution.
- If a child has soiled themselves we will remove the child from the group, inform the parent/carer and keep the child comfortable until a parent arrives. If the child is able to, we will encourage them to clean themselves and offer a change of clothes, until their parent/carer arrives.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

Link Club accepts responsibility for Health and Safety as an employer and expects its promotion to be a mutual objective with its employees, the school Health and Safety Policy is adhered to by Link Club. We will do all that is reasonably practicable to prevent personal injury, protect against foreseeable work hazards and damage to property and have due regard to protect the general public where they come into contact with Link Club activities.

- No smoking on the premises
- No hot drinks in any room occupied by the children.
- No inappropriate jewellery to be worn – wedding rings are acceptable.
- There will be a designated First Aider at each session.
- No running inside the premises.
- All cleaning materials to be placed out of reach of children.
- All fire exits to be clear and free from obstruction.
- All fire extinguishers to be clearly labelled.
- A copy of the fire drill should be clearly visible at fire exits.
- Protective clothing shall be worn when serving food.
- Never leave scissors or potentially dangerous objects within the reach of children.
- Any accident involving bodily fluids must be reported to a First Aider.
- All staff should familiarise themselves with the First Aid Box.
- No pills or medication to be administered by unauthorised staff.
- No student should be left unsupervised at any time and children must be supervised at all times.
- Under no circumstances may a member of staff take a child from the premises.

Link Club will, as far as is reasonably practicable, pay particular attention to ensuring that all staff have relevant training with Health and Safety Procedures. Link Club accepts that a H & S Policy will only be effective when it involves all employees and therefore, the employees are reminded that they have a duty to co-operate in the operation of this policy by:

- Working safely within existing legislation
- Ensure their safety and that of others
- Not to interfere or misuse any equipment
- Report incidents which may affect H & S
- Assist in the investigation of accidents to prevent re-occurrence.

Link Club will communicate this policy to all employees and it will be reviewed annually, added to, modified as required and may be supplemented in some cases by further statements or training in specific areas.

- Fire Prevention
- Accidents and First Aid
- Emergency information
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## **Guidelines for Health and Safety Checklist**

A member of staff from each site will complete a Health and Safety Checklist before the start of each session:

- The session date and time and any hazards noted on the checklist.
- The member of staff completing the checklist must report any hazards immediately to the school via the daily message book in order for repairs or maintenance to take place.

All hazards must be made safe prior to the children attending

## **FIRE SAFETY**

**We ensure that our premises present no risk of fire by ensuring the highest possible standards of fire precautions:**

- The basis of the safety is a risk assessment. These are carried out by a 'competent person'.
- We have a copy of the fire safety assessment for the building.
- Fire doors are clearly marked, never obstructed and easily opened from the inside.
- Our emergency evacuation procedures are clearly displayed on the premises, explained to new members of staff, volunteers and parents and practiced every half term.
- Records are kept of fire drills and the servicing of fire equipment.

## **Emergency Evacuation**

A person discovering a fire should:

- Raise the alarm immediately

## **Evacuate the Building as follows:**

- Staff must remain calm
- Keep children calm
- Line the children up at the nearest clear fire exit, carry out a quick head count and leave the building, taking registers with you.
- During this time the remaining staff will check the toilets, corridors and kitchen for other children, closing all doors.
- Once assembled at the assembly point the register will be taken.
- Return to the building only if safe to do so.
- Record all information.

## **ACCIDENTS AND FIRST AID**

**We follow the guidelines of the reporting Injuries, Diseases and dangerous occurrences (RIDDOR) for the reporting of accidents and incidents.**

- Our accident book is kept safely and is accessible to all staff and volunteers who know how to complete it.
- The accident book is renewed half termly, to identify any potential or actual hazards.
- Any dangerous occurrence is recorded in our incident book, whether involving a child or a member of staff.
- All telephone numbers for emergency services, including local police and the person responsible for the premises are easily accessible.

### **First Aid**

It is our policy to have designated First Aiders in each room who will ensure that the First Aid box is kept fully stocked and that accident forms are completed as and when necessary.

#### **In the event of an accident**

- **Keep calm**
- **Talk to the child/casualty and reassure them.**
- **Summon the designated First Aider**
- **Assess the situation, is danger still present? Ensure the safety of the group.**
- **Apply appropriate first aid – if in doubt do nothing, get the child to hospital.**
- **Contact the child's parent/carer and inform them of all injuries.**
- **Record all accidents/injuries, however minor, in the accident book. If appropriate a copy of the sheet should be passed to the school.**
- **If the child's emergency contact has not arrived by the time the ambulance has, a member of staff will go with the child to hospital, taking the child's registration form.**
- **Incidents involving blood should be treated by someone wearing disposable gloves.**
- **A suitable non-porous dressing should be used.**
- **Dispose of all swab and dressings carefully.**
- **Clean up any spillages of blood with a suitable disinfectant or sanitize**

## **MEDICATION**

**Link Club promotes the good health of the children and is committed to equal opportunities. We have a policy on administering prescribed medicines to support individual children with medical needs.**

- We will only administer prescribed medicines if prescribed for four times per day or more.
- We will only administer medicine if a medication form has been completed.
- Parents/carers must complete a medication form and update this when necessary.
- If a parent/carer wishes to come in and administer any medicines, they must also complete a form, as we cannot accept responsibility for any side effects that may occur.
- Any medication will only be given as prescribed by G.P. i.e. printed on bottle, packet, box etc.
- Any children requiring inhalers should have a spare one within the Link Club and this should be checked regularly.
- A member of staff will always witness the administering of any medicines and sign the medication form to prove this.
- All medication will be kept in a locked cupboard at all times.