

The Blue Coat School Parents' Association Volunteering Policy

Introduction

This policy sets out the principles for voluntary involvement within The Blue Coat School Parents' Association.

It is relevant to all within The Association and is endorsed by the Committee (or volunteers) of The Blue Coat School Parents' Association.

It will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains appropriate to the Organisation and its volunteer's needs.

Commitment

The Blue Coat School Parents' Association acknowledges the contribution made by its volunteers and is committed to involving volunteers in appropriate positions and in ways that are encouraging and supportive. The organisation also recognises its responsibility to arrange volunteering efficiently so that the volunteer's time is best used to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

Definition

A volunteer is a person who, unpaid and of their own free will, contributes their time, energy and skills to benefit The Blue Coat School Parents' Association.

Volunteer Co-ordination

All volunteers should report to The Blue Coat School Parents' Association, who will offer guidance and support to the volunteer so they may carry out the task effectively. Volunteers may be given an individual name of a Committee member to report to.

The nominated Committee member with overall responsibility for volunteering within the Association is Dianne Sheerin – Chairperson.

Volunteers will have a clear and concise task description, will be properly briefed about the activities to be undertaken and be given all necessary information and equipment to enable them to complete the activities.

It is the volunteer's responsibility to ensure they understand the task they have been given and to raise any concerns or training needs before undertaking any activity.

Rights and Responsibilities

The Association recognises the rights of volunteers to:

- Know what is expected of them
- Have adequate support and guidance

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- Receive appreciation
- Volunteer in a safe environment
- Be insured
- Be free from discrimination

The Association expects volunteers to:

- Be reliable
- Be honest
- Respect confidentiality
- Carry out tasks in a way that reflects the aims and values of The Association
- Carry out tasks within agreed guidelines
- Respect the work of The Association and not bring it into disrepute
- Comply with The Association's policies.

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