

THRILOW SCHOOL PTA

Volunteering Policy

Introduction

This policy sets out the principles for voluntary involvement within Thriplow School PTA. It is relevant to all within the association and is endorsed by the committee (or volunteers) Thriplow School PTA. It will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains appropriate to the Organisation and its volunteers needs.

Commitment

Thriplow School PTA 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 Thriplow School PTA.

Volunteer Co-ordination

All volunteers should report to the Thriplow School PTA committee, who will offer guidance and support to the volunteer so they may carry out 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 Meghan Bonner, Thriplow School PTA Chair.

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.

Guidance on whether a DBS is required for any volunteering role and if it is required, how to secure a DBS is set out in the Safeguarding Policy. The Safeguarding Policy should be referred to if a DBS is required or if members are unsure whether a DBS may be required.

Rights and Responsibilities

The association recognises the rights of volunteers to :

- Know what is expected of them;
- Have adequate support and training;

- Receive appreciation;
- Volunteer in a safe environment;
- Be insured, and;
- 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, and;
- Comply with the association's policies.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Thriplow School PTA committee prior to the AGM.

Signature	
Signed by	Meghan Bonner
Role	PTA Chair
Date	25th January 2024