



Visitor Policy

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Statement of intent

This policy is designed to outline Mickland's policy regarding visitors to our school grounds.

This policy will enable our school to:

- Safeguard and protect the welfare of pupils and staff members.
- Prevent unnecessary disruption to lessons and other educational activities.
- Protect our grounds and facilities from vandalism and misuse.
- Engage with the community and outside educational influences in a structured and productive manner.
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This policy aligns with the DfE's *Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025)* and reflects our duty to maintain a safeguarding culture in which all visitors are appropriately supervised, risk-assessed, and recorded.

1. Authorisation

- 1.1. Individuals who would like to visit the school, but are not in contact with a member of staff regarding this, should arrange their visit through the school office, who can be contacted on 0118 937 5500.
- 1.2. The office will record the date and time of the proposed visit, reason for the visit, name of the visitor(s), and the name of the organisation they belong to where applicable.
- 1.3. The school office will pass all details on to the headteacher for a final sign-off before getting back to the visitors and confirming the details of their visit.
- 1.4. Teachers, or other staff members, arranging visitors to the school for educational purposes will collate all the above required information and pass this on to the school office for the headteacher's authorisation.
- 1.5. Visitors who arrive at the school without a prior appointment may be permitted to meet with the headteacher/other staff members where these members of the school staff are happy to do so. The visitor will not be allowed into the school without the supervision of a teacher, member of the reception staff or member of the senior leadership team.
- 1.6. Parents are discouraged from visiting the school during school hours unless for a school event or emergency. Where a parent arrives at the school, they must follow the visiting procedures outlined below.
- 1.7. Any regular visitor engaged in regulated activity will be subject to full safer recruitment checks and recorded on the school's Single Central Record in line with KCSIE 2025.
- 1.8. Any external speakers or organisations invited to deliver assemblies, workshops, or sessions with children will be subject to a visitor risk assessment. The content and purpose of their session will be reviewed to ensure alignment with the school's safeguarding and British values obligations.

2. Visiting procedures

- 2.1. All visitors to the school, including parents, will comply with the following procedure:
 - Immediately report to the school reception area on arrival
 - Provide their details to the reception staff, including:
 - Name
 - Purpose of visit
 - Name of pupil the visit pertains to/staff member who arranged the visit
 - Sign-in using the visitors' book
 - Provide photo ID on arrival. The identity of all visitors will be verified before they are permitted to enter the school site unaccompanied.
 - Display visitor badges provided at all times while on school property

- Sign-out using the visitors' book upon departure
- Return visitor badges to the school office before departure

- 2.2. Visitors are made aware of relevant school policies, including that in relation to health and safety, reporting a safeguarding concern and emergency procedures.
- 2.3. Visitors are advised that our school is a non-smoking area and smoking is not permitted anywhere within school grounds.
- 2.4. Prior to the visit, all visitors are made aware of any specific parking arrangements which the school has in place.
- 2.5. Unless they have undergone the necessary DBS check, visitors to the school will not work in regulated activity and will be supervised at all times.
- 2.6. Visitors will be informed of key safeguarding procedures on arrival, including how to report a concern about a child or an adult. They will be issued with a Safeguarding Information Leaflet and made aware of the DSL team.

3. Exceptions

- 3.1. Visits to the school by contractors are governed by our Contractors' Policy.
- 3.2. Parents/caregivers/friends/relations, etc. attending scheduled open days, sports events or other 'by-invitation' school activities will be exempt from the visiting procedures outlined above.
- 3.3. Anyone attending school events should keep to the areas of the school grounds where the events are taking place (for example the sports field, school hall, etc.).

4. Unidentified individuals

- 4.1. It is the responsibility of all staff members to politely question any individual who enters the school premises unaccompanied and/or without a clearly displayed name badge.
- 4.2. Any such visitors will be directed to the school office where they can sign-in.
- 4.3. If a visitor refuses to report to the school office, or becomes aggressive or abusive, they will be asked to leave the premises and the police may be called to assist.

5. Visitor conduct

- 5.1. Visitors to the school will be required to act in accordance with the school's Code of Conduct and other relevant school policies at all times.
- 5.2. Micklands reserves the right to escort individuals from the premises who act in an aggressive or threatening manner towards staff members, pupils, governors, parents or other visitors.

- 5.3. Under section 547 of the Education Act 1996, it is an offence for any person to cause a nuisance or disturbance on school premises; therefore, the police may be contacted to assist in the removal of individuals from the premises, where necessary.
- 5.4. In the event of persistent occurrence of unacceptable behaviour on the school site, Micklands has the right to request a banning order from the LA for the individual in question.
- 5.5. Any concerns about the conduct, language, or behaviour of a visitor—whether during or after their visit—must be reported immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), who will assess whether further action is required in line with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

6. Monitoring and review

- 6.1. This policy will be monitored and reviewed every three years by the headteacher. The next review date is 31st August 2028.
- 6.2. Amendments to the policy will be communicated to all members of the school community.