



# **Pupil Supervision and Lost & Missing Children Policy**

## **September 2019**

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### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 Clifton Lodge takes seriously its responsibility to ensure that pupils are supervised properly at all times to ensure their safety while on school premises or on out of school visits. Staff who supervise are mindful of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Anti Bullying Policy and our health and safety requirements. This policy applies to all year groups.
- 1.2 This policy applies to all children, including those in the early years.

### 2 Working Day

- 2.1 The school day is as follows:

Age range	Timings
(Nursery/Reception)	8.30am-3.30pm (entry from 8am, after school care to 6pm)
(Years 1 & 2)	8.30am-3.45pm (entry from 8am, after school care to 6pm)
(Years 3 to 6)	8.30am-4pm (entry from 8am, after school care to 6pm)

### 3 Start of Day Arrangements

- 3.1 When pupils arrive at school they are expected to:  
EYFS– go straight to their classrooms where they are greeted by a member of staff.  
Y1 – Y6 – drop their bags in their classrooms and go out to the playground.
- 3.2 Before school, the following supervision arrangements are in place: supervision from 8.00am in the playground.

### 4 Break Time Arrangements

- 4.1 During break, the following arrangements are in place: pupils are supervised in the playground.

### 5 Lunch Time Arrangements

- 5.1 During lunch, the following arrangements are in place: there are staggered lunches beginning at 12.00pm with Nursery & Reception and ending at 1.00pm for Y3-6.
- 5.2 During lunch, the following supervision arrangements are in place: children are supervised in the lunch-hall by members of staff and in the playground by the playground supervisor (supported by members of staff in EYFS).

### 6 End of School Day Arrangements

- 6.1 Pupils are expected to leave the premises as follows:  
Nursery/Reception – 3.30pm – collected from side door.  
Years 1 & 2 – 3.45pm – collected from side door  
Year 3 & Year 4 – 4.00pm – collected from side door  
Year 5 – Year 6 – 4.00pm – collected from main entrance.  
On Monday-Thursday (when school clubs are running, children in Years 1 & 2 upwards who are attending a club remain in school and are supervised in the playground until 4.00pm / 4.15pm when clubs start. Clubs end promptly at 4.45pm / 5.15, any children not collected will go into after school care and a charge will be incurred.  
Pupils in EYFS or other years when clubs are not available, may attend after school care until 6pm each day (charges are incurred).
- 6.2 For pupils travelling home alone: Pupils in Years 6 may travel home alone if their parents have completed and signed the Permission to Travel Home Alone Form and returned it to the school office.

### **7 Non-Collection Arrangements at End of Formal School Day**

7.1 If a pupil is not collected from school by the end of the school day and are not registered for a club, a member of staff will call the parents and the pupil will go into after school care (a charge will be incurred).

7.2 The following procedure will be followed when a pupil is not collected by 6pm: Parents will be called and a late fee will be incurred.

### **8 After School Activities**

8.1 When attending an after-school activity, pupils are supervised by authorised adults. The adult is responsible for taking a register at the activity.

8.2 No pupil should leave without the authorisation of the adult leading the activity

8.3 The following procedure will be followed when a pupil is not collected: please see point 7.2 above.

### **9 Sporting Fixtures**

9.1 Sports staff supervise students when at fixtures.

9.2 Parents are always informed of the finish times.

9.3 No pupil should leave without the authorisation of the adult leading the activity.

9.4 The following procedure will be followed when a pupil is not collected: please see point 7.2 above.

### **10 Travel to and from School on Buses**

10.1 Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children travel safely to and from school. Pupils are not supervised by school staff when travelling on buses and they are expected to behave responsibly and to follow the driver's instructions. This includes wearing a seat belt at all times.

10.2 The Headteacher reserves the right to prohibit a specific pupil from travelling on school sponsored transport if their behaviour does not meet the required standard.

### **11 Leaving the Site during the School Day**

11.1 It is expected that all pupils will be on site for the entire day unless they have specific permission to leave.

### **12 Supervision Duties**

12.1 All members of the staff are expected to take their share of break and lunchtime supervisory duties. For more information on staff duties, please see the duty rota.

12.2 All classes will be supervised by the relevant teacher.

### **13 Supervision during PE Lessons, including Changing Arrangements**

13.1 Sports lessons are supervised by members of the teaching staff. When pupils are changing or showering, teachers must be mindful of both their responsibility for appropriate supervision and the need for a pupil's privacy, with due regard for the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

### **14 Medical Support**

14.1 There is a qualified welfare officer on duty from 8am to 6pm every day. They are available to administer first aid, to help if someone is ill or injured, and to deal with any accidents or emergencies. A pupil who feels unwell during the day should report to the school office (EYFS pupils are initially treated in their classrooms by Paediatric First Aiders).

### **15 Supervision in Remote Locations**

15.1 Some potentially dangerous areas of the school are out of bounds to unsupervised pupils. These include science laboratories and the grounds, maintenance, catering and caretaking areas of the school.

### **16 Lost or Missing Children**

- 16.1 If a teacher suspects that a child is missing from a lesson or activity, they will contact the nearest member of SLT and school office immediately.
- 16.2 All remaining children will be kept safe in a secure place with adequate adult supervision, including assistance from other school staff if necessary.
- 16.3 A full headcount will be taken by the teacher-in-charge and matched against the register; usually the class teacher or nominated person.
- 16.4 A senior member of staff will make a thorough search of the building and/or site and immediate surroundings including storage areas and toilets. A thorough check of all exits will be made, to ensure all gates/doors are locked and there is no other way a pupil could have left the site. If something is discovered, the SLT member must be immediately informed.
- 16.5 The following list held in the school office will be checked: attendance register, off site records, and other school clubs.
- 16.6 If the child is not found after this initial search and/or approximately 10 minutes from the initial report of them deemed missing, the school office will inform the Head and Director of Education (Cognita Head Office), including where a child is found wandering or at risk of being lost or missing. The designated safeguarding officer in school will be notified immediately and they will ensure that the parents have been informed by the responsible teacher. The Head, or SLT member in the absence of the Head, will decide at which point the police will be called.
- 16.7 All relevant emergency contacts for children will be used to inform parent/carer(s) accordingly. However, until such time as the child is safely returned to the care of the parent/carer(s), the Head remains responsible for the care and welfare of the child, including off-site.
- 16.8 As soon as is practicable, the Serious Incident Reporting Form (SIRF) will be completed by the Head and sent to the PA to the Head of Facilities. The visit leader (off site) or responsible form/class teacher will make a contemporaneous record to provide full details of the incident in the school's incident report book. A note will also be made on the school's attendance register accordingly.

- 16.9 Near misses will also be recorded and reported to the Director of Education and details fully provided in writing to the school's safeguarding governance committee (SGC). This Report must outline the steps being taken to avoid any repeat incident, communication with parents and actions to be taken following the risk assessment process to mitigate future risk. Any relevant policy and procedure must be reviewed by the school and submitted to UK compliance committee for approval, via Head of Education Compliance.
- 16.10 All incidents will be reported to the Head of Facilities, Head Office, for the attention of our insurers, as appropriate. Staff must try to remember and write down a description of what the child was wearing and any distinguishing features.
- 16.11 If a missing child has any special medical or learning needs then these need to be noted to be disclosed to the police or other agencies.
- 16.12 A thorough search of the premises should continue until the child is found.

### **17 Following the Incident**

- 17.1 It is in everyone's interest to resolve what has happened as quickly as possible, consistent with a fair and thorough investigation.
- 17.2 The written findings of the investigation must be reported by the Head to Cognita Head Office within 48 hours of the occurrence of the incident.
- 17.3 Local authority children's social care should be informed of any missing child in the early years, and our usual local authority safeguarding and child protection arrangements followed.
- 17.4 All relevant policies and procedures will immediately be reviewed and revisions presented formally to the Director of Education for approval within 5 working days.
- 17.5 The parent/carer(s) will be involved at all times.
- 17.6 Following receipt of our investigative report, the Director of Education will report his conclusions as to the next steps to further safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the care of the school to the UK compliance committee.
- 17.7 Where the parent/carer(s) remain concerned despite reassurances informally by the school, they may choose to use the school's complaints procedure accordingly.

### **18 In the instance that a child is thought to be lost or missing on whilst off-site we will follow the following procedure:**

- 18.1 The visit leader must ensure the safety of remaining pupils. At least two adults must stay with them.
- 18.2 One or more adults should immediately start to search for the child.
- 18.3 If the child is not found within 5 minutes, the visit leader must then contact the police by telephoning 999 (within the UK or similar equivalent number if overseas).
- 18.4 The visit leader should alert the school office, or in the case of out-of-hours, the nominated school contact for the trip, that the police have been contacted. The school will make arrangements to notify the parents accordingly. The remaining procedures outlined above in sections 4 and 5 will then be followed.

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