



Volunteer Guidelines - Lymley Wood

Thanks for offering your time to volunteer at Lymley Woods. Please read and adhere to the following guidelines when helping with children at Lymley Wood sessions.

Our Values

- We create a culture of inclusiveness and belonging where everyone is welcome
- We act with resolve to promote learning through outdoor experiences
- We are present and reflective, accepting and non judgemental.
- We improve the environment and work hand in hand with nature
- We act with honesty and integrity and strive for quality in all that we do.
- We value play, laughter, friendship, making positive memories and having fun.

Safety - is our highest priority at Lymley Wood.

This means that:

- You do not accompany children to the toilet - even if you know the children
- You do not change children in the case of a toilet accident, only help with coats or jumpers.
- Do not offer the children any food in case of allergy
- We NEVER shout at children
- We work on CONSENT BASED TOUCH. This means if they need help onto any equipment etc that you *ask them if you can touch them*, and only lift them under the arms or feet, no pushing them up by their bottoms.
- No tigggle games or frontward cuddles.
- Do not go off with individual children where you cannot be seen by staff members.
- If you have a concern about a child, or you see or hear something that concerns you, raise this immediately with senior staff member present.
- We are a screen and phone free venue, so keep your phone away out of sight and never take any pictures of children on your phones.

Its ok to ask for help! If you want advice or are struggling with any behaviours ask for help.



There are some rules about the nets and adventure playground and your staff member will explain these and also explain the site rules and boundaries.

You may be given a walkie talkie and correct use of this will be explained.

Regular volunteers will be able to apply for a DBS check and will also be offered free Safeguarding training, speak to Mel about accessing these.

Please do not buy any resources etc to be refunded without prior permission.

Contact Mel Parr, Managing Director, if you have any questions or concerns on 07951 257813 or mel@lymleywood.co.uk

Finally, thanks so much for your volunteer time, have fun and enjoy being in the wood!