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| **VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT** |
| Schoolreaders recognises its responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Volunteers are required to comply with partner schools’ policies and procedures in providing a safe and positive learning environment and also have to agree to the following Code of Conduct:   * I agree to the fundamental principle that children have the right to be safe and this takes precedence over all other considerations. * I will recognise each child’s worth and treat them as individuals with fairness, equality, dignity and respect regardless of: age, disability, economic hardship/poverty, gender, racial heritage, religion or belief, sexual orientation or identity. * I will behave in an appropriate manner and respect other people. * I will accept and follow any guidance and policies that I am given from the school. * I will attend any briefing/training as requested by the school including for Safeguarding, Health and Safety and my role as a reading volunteer and follow the school’s expected conduct for volunteers. * I will complete Schoolreaders mandatory online supplementary safeguarding guidance (print version available) prior to starting in school. * I will read the Schoolreaders Safeguarding policy and ‘Guidance on Child Protection and Safeguarding Essentials’ at [www.schoolreaders.org/policies-portal](http://www.schoolreaders.org/policies-portal). * I will read the school’s safeguarding procedures and find out who to report any concerns to. * I will report any Safeguarding problems or concerns as they arise to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) in school. I will notify the DSL at Schoolreaders that a report has been made to the school. * I will report any other problems or concerns as they arise to the school coordinator, including incidents, injury or property damage. * I will observe confidentiality in respect of all information gained through my participation as a volunteer. * I will not start as a volunteer until the school has received my enhanced DBS clearance. I will notify Schoolreaders when I have started volunteering. * I understand that the school is responsible for my welfare whilst in school. |