



Dunstable Town Guides Working with Children Policy

Adopted at the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Dunstable Town Guides held on the 22 February 2014, last reviewed April 2019

This policy is for child protection and also for protection of the Guides against allegations of malpractice.

1. Any group of children that the Dunstable Town Guides lead on a walk or attend a talk should always have at least two adults, or as ratio of carers to children stipulate, provided by the school or organisation, including one who knows the children.
2. If an occasion arises whereby a child is alone with a Guide this situation is best dealt with by keeping in the public view.
3. Physical contact should only be in response to the needs of a child, and should be appropriate to age and circumstance. No unnecessary physical contact should be made.
4. Principles of cultural sensitivities should be observed with all children.
5. Permission should be obtained from the school or organisation before photographs are taken of school groups.