



## SEDBERGH SCHOOL & CASTERTON, SEDBERGH PREP SCHOOL

<b>Visitors' Policy</b>	
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Sedbergh School and Casterton, Sedbergh Preparatory School (the School) are fortunate to occupy rural locations on the edge of a small market towns. This same setting creates challenges because a fundamental feature of the School is its open campus and close integration with the town. It is not possible to secure the campus, as one might an urban school, which would destroy the very essence of the School.

Our most important means of securing the safety of pupils and School property is **vigilance**.

Suspicious behaviour, by a person with or without a visitors' badge, is a source of concern which should always be reported. The School will attract numerous visitors for a variety of reasons and these will be classified as day or overnight visitors.

## **Day Visitors**

### **Parents of current boarding pupils**

- Parents of current pupils are welcome to visit School and to participate in all School events.
- Parents may visit their son/daughter's boarding house but must make contact with House staff before going beyond the entrance hall of the house.
- Parents may only enter sleeping accommodation or ablutions at the beginning and end of term or with the express permission of House staff.

### **Visitors who are not parents of current pupils who wish to access any School buildings**

- All visitors must report to the School Reception where they will sign in and will be given a visitor badge. The Receptionist will check the legitimacy of the visit and brief visitors about visitors' facilities and arrangements for their visit. Where the visitor is not known by the staff member signing them in, they will present photo ID to verify their identity. This will be photocopied and kept on file with the visitors' record.
- Senior school: Contractors must report to the Maintenance Workshops behind Guldrey Lodge on Station Road.
- Prep school: In the case of term time lettings during the School day (08.00 to 17.00), all visitors must sign in at School Reception. In addition, a designated Group Leader who has completed the required identity and DBS checks will maintain a register of individuals using the facilities and be responsible for group behaviour on campus.
- Visitors should return their badge at the end of their visit.
- Prospective parents will be hosted by guides or School staff throughout their visit and do not therefore require badges.

## **Overnight Visitors**

Boarding house staff and their families may entertain guests in their private-side accommodation during term-time and invite guests to stay overnight. In such circumstances, hosts must ensure that guests are aware of the fact that certain restrictions apply because they are visiting a school. On arrival, guests must therefore sign a declaration in the visitors' book to acknowledge that they understand the following restrictions;

- They must not enter boarders' sleeping accommodation or ablutions without House staff supervision.
- They have been told which areas of the boarding house, if any are appropriate for them to visit.
- They should be aware of their responsibilities when engaging pupils in conversation.
- Prep school staff are required to have the specific permission of the Housemaster or Mistress, or Deputy Head, in advance for all occupiers, visitors and overnight visitors (of whatever duration) to the accommodation during term time. Visitors who are intending to stay with staff in the accommodation at the prep school for seven consecutive days or longer require the prior written permission of the Headmaster; such consent will not to

be unreasonably withheld. DBS checks are likely to be required for any visitors staying for seven days during term time.

### **Maintenance staff visiting Boarding Houses**

All maintenance staff visiting boarding Houses should check in with the AHSM on arrival. If the AHSM is not available, then next to the office, there is a white board explaining where AHSM is, with AHSM mobile telephone number and details of which of the pupils' bedrooms are not to be entered.

External contractors visiting arrangements in School are covered in the Contractors Working in School Policy.

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Appendix 1 - Staff and Contractor Signing In and Out sheet / Roll call sheet \_\_\_\_\_ House

Date	Surname	Employer	Time in	Time out	Mobile Number	Staff roll call in event of fire alarm

**Visitors' Policy – Action Points**

<b>UNDERTAKING</b>	<b>BY WHOM</b>
Report any suspicious behaviour of campus visitors, with or without a visitors' badge	All staff
Check the legitimacy of the visit when signing in all visitors	Reception staff – Prep School Reception, and Headmaster's Office; Maintenance team
Inform appropriate reception when expecting a visitor	All staff responsible for a visitor
Check visitors have been issued with a visitors' badge	All staff responsible for a visitor
Ensure visitors' badges are returned to reception upon departure of visitors	All staff responsible for a visitor
Assess the risks of any visitor to the campus working independently	All staff responsible for a visitor
Ensure overnight guests are fully aware of their responsibilities	Boarding House staff
Ensure appropriate permission is sought in advance of visitors to Prep School staff accommodation	Prep School resident staff
Check in/out of boarding House with AHSM and check which rooms/areas are out of bounds.	All maintenance staff