



NEW FOREST HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Policy for allowing children into English lessons

Background

We are seeing students bringing children to English classes especially now the holidays have started and in response to teachers' questions on this, we have drafted the following policy.

We sought input via the teachers WhatsApp group

- Some teachers are happy to have children in class, some are not.
- Tina Sismey, Hampshire's Learning in libraries manager, advises that they say no to children in their classes as they found it was really disruptive to the class.
- A concern that, as the library is closed to the public and no staff are present during some lessons, teachers might be held responsible for any damage a child may cause in the library.
- Children would always be accompanied by a parent or guardian

Policy

Providing dedicated childcare during classes is outside of NFHU's scope or resources and has safeguarding and insurance issues we are not able to address.

- In general, children should not be brought to class by students.
- Any children over 12 should not need to attend with their parent unless they themselves are enrolled in the class as a student (with their parent being in the same class).
- Exceptions for children 12 and under may be made by individual teachers solely at their discretion. If a teacher says no to children in their class that **must** be respected by their students.
- Before agreeing to children joining their class, teachers should consider each student's circumstances and whether there is space to accommodate the child in, or at least within sight of, the class.
- Any children who do come to class must sit quietly and occupy themselves either in, or within sight of, the class.
- If a child is disrupting the class, the teacher is entitled to ask the student and their child(ren) to leave.
- Teachers are covered by NFHU's insurance so would not be personally liable for damage to the library provided they followed the guidance in this policy.
- Children remain the responsibility of their parents at all times and are not the responsibility of our teachers.

