

Deepdene's Policy on Parent Volunteers'

From September 2012, individuals volunteering in schools in England were no longer regarded as working in regulated activity if they are properly supervised. Therefore, a check of the DBS barred lists is not required. However, Enhanced certificates without a barred list check remain available; it is within the discretion of the school if they choose to undertake them

As a school we have decided that as we are such a small school and most of the parents know each other even if it is by sight at the gate and various school events we will not run DBS checks on our parent helpers who help out on a purely ad hoc arrangement, e.g. schools shows, children parade, Christmas events.

Staff who have parent helpers in with their class or arranging for parents to help out with an activity have the responsibility to make sure that they are never left alone in sole care of students and that the parent volunteer is aware of our school policy. (Parent helpers will have limited contact with children and will not be left alone with children.)

It may be decided that we will run a DBS check on a parent helper who starts to have more regular contact with students or who starts to work on a volunteer basis more regularly.

As there is no set legal requirement, the policy has been written by the Heads of the School and Nursery and they have both made this judgment

Policy signed by

Headteacher: Date:

Head of Nursery: Date: