Ash Green School Work Placements: Guide for Employers

Thank you for agreeing to host a student from Ash Green School for their work placement. The student/school should be sharing this document with you when they have received confirmation you are willing to host them- **At** this point the placement has been secured but not yet fully approved.

All placements will need to go through the schools recording and vetting process. This system captures key information about each student's placement and takes reasonable steps to ensure the employer has the appropriate aspects in place. It also ensures you have the necessary information about the student e.g., medical conditions. The vetting process utilises the **Unifrog Placements Tool**. Your part should only take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete, providing any documentation needed is to hand. An overview of the vetting process is below.

The Unifrog placements tool is **essentially a series of online forms**, which need to be completed by specific people, at specific times (sequentially). Woven through the forms are explanations of technical terms, plus best practice guidance. As soon as one person fills in a form, the next person in the chain is notified, so the whole process hopefully runs smoothly and automatically. You will be notified, via email, when you need to complete your form and of any updates.

The stages of the vetting process are below, with a copy of the employer questions on the next page.



The student adds a 'new placement' onto the Unifrog platform. They will input key information about themselves and the employer/organisation. The name of a contact within the work placement organisation and their email address is very important to the student form. Please ensure students have the best contact details for the most appropriate individual within the company.

2. Employer Form

This form requests a brief placement overview, as well as information on the employer's insurance, risk assessments and health & safety systems. It will also ask for clarification on a few housekeeping details and the placement set-up/environment. This form has branching and depending on your answers you may/may not be asked for further information. A copy of the main questions is attached to this document.

3. Parent/Carers Form

Parents review all the information from the student and employer form and give their consent for participation.

4. School Permission

The school coordinator reviews all information and decides on final approval. At this stage the school coordinator may contact an employer directly to clarify any information or discuss the placement further, but only if needed.

Once a placement is fully approved all parties are notified via email. *It is only on receipt of this email will a placement be formally agreed and can be undertaken.* Providing all parties complete their forms in a comprehensive and responsive manner, then the vetting process can occur very quickly.

Occasionally the automatic emails from Unifrog hit spam filters. Once you have verbally agreed to host a student, please look out for these emails.

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PLEASE NOTE:

For a placement to be approved the company must have:

- ⇒ Employers Liability Insurance (public liability is not sufficient)
- ⇒ Written down risk assessments & health & safety policies

Please note: the employer form contains branching. Your answers will determine which questions you receive and if you need to upload any documentation.

All employers are required to **share a copy of their current Employers Liability Insurance certificate**. Only some employers will be asked to share copies of risk assessments and health & safety policies. These requests are dependent on whether an organisation has hosted students before, the risks associated with the placement and any medical or special educational needs the student may have.

Employer Form Questions:

- Employer placement lead name, job title, email address, phone number
- Confirmation of:
 - Start date and end dates.
 - o Time commitment
 - Address
 - Whether this address is where the student will be based throughout the placement.
- Organisation's sector & number of employees (ranges given).
- What languages do students need to be able to speak?
- Have you hosted a placement before?
- Overview of the placement- a short summary of the sorts of activities students will likely undertake.
- Will the student ever be with an adult without another adult being present? (Lone working)
- Does the student need a criminal record (e.g. DBS) check?
- Does the placement and its environment carry any specific health risks additional to a low-risk workplace?
- Dress code
- Is PPE or other special safety equipment required?
- Working hours
- Eating and refreshment arrangements.
- Confirmation that your organisation has Employers' Liability Insurance, and the policy covers work placements.
- Insurance provider, policy number & expiry date.
- Confirmation that your organisation has a written, up to date and appropriate Risk Assessment.
- Confirmation that your organisation will follow Covid safety guidance.
- Confirmation that your organisation has a written, up to date and appropriate Health & Safety policy.
- Confirmation that your organisation will abide by data protection and privacy law.
- Confirmation that you will follow the safeguarding policy- information on how to raise a concern will be given here.

You can save information and return later, if needed. To continue the process employers **must mark the form as** 'finished' then submit.

Thank you for agreeing to support our students with work experience. The opportunity is a valuable part of their transition to the working world. Should you have any questions please contact the school placement coordinator.

Following the placement, you will be invited to leave the student feedback. This is not compulsory but will be valuable to the student and their learning experience.

