



Gosfield School

Visiting Speaker Policy

Whole School Policy, including EYFS

We often invite speakers from our wider community to give talks to enrich our students' experience of school, providing them with information that helps them make decisions at different phases of their education, widening their understanding of world and global issues and providing motivational inspiration through the sharing of a speaker's experience. Our responsibility to our students is to ensure that they can critically assess the information they receive as to its value to themselves, and that the information is aligned to the ethos and values of the School and British Values.

The Prevent statutory guidance (*The Prevent Duty: Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers*, DfE, June 2015) requires schools to have clear protocols for ensuring that any visiting speakers whether invited by staff or students, are suitable and appropriately supervised.

At Gosfield School we:

- Require all visiting speakers to have a nominated point of contact at the school. This will usually be the organizer.
- Request the visiting speaker outline the information they wish to communicate in advance of the visit.
- Conduct research on the person or organisation to establish whether they have in the past demonstrated extreme views/actions.
- Refuse to allow people or organisations to use school premises if they have links to extreme groups or movements.
- Maintain a formal register of all visiting speakers – see Appendix.
- Require visitors to provide photo ID upon arrival at School.
- Ensure visiting speakers are accompanied at all times and are not left unsupervised with students at any point.

If, having carried out the checks in advance, a visiting speaker is declined, justification of the School's decision will be provided to the person or organisation in writing.

The DSL carries out the necessary checks to be sure that the contact is suitable and the content is relevant and appropriate. A log of visiting speakers is maintained by the DSL and is available to the Safeguarding Governor and inspectors on request.

Signed _____
Principal

Date _____

4/9/25

Date of next review: September 2026