



## Play at St Peter's – Vision statement and Volunteer Role Description (Helper) The group is run by members of St Peter's Church Henleaze

### **Vision Statement**

#### **We aim to:**

##### **Welcome everyone**

Give a warm welcome to everyone, whatever their age, relationship to the child, culture, religious background, colour, gender or disability.

##### **Be excellent**

Show excellence in all that is done in our group, from making coffee to comforting a person in distress. At all times to try to maintain our high standards

##### **Provide a safe and happy environment**

Offer a safe and happy environment for the team to work with parents, carers and children.

##### **Care for our team**

Value, encourage and care for every member of the team.

##### **Offer friendship**

Offer true friendship to everyone who comes to our group and create an environment where friendships can be made among our group members.

##### **Involve parents and carers**

Encourage parents and carers to assist and participate fully in the group as the group is for them and their children.



# St Peter's Church, Henleaze

## Volunteer Role Description: Helper

See Separate Job Description for Coordinator and Session Leader

### *Role and Responsibilities:*

The volunteer will contribute to successful running of the group by fulfilling the aims of the vision statement above.

### *Specific Duties:*

#### *Before the session*

- If you have agreed to help set up, arrive at least 45 minutes before the start of the session to setup with the session leader. Otherwise, arrive 10 minutes before the start of the session.
- There will usually be four volunteers per session including the session leader.
- Warm teapot and set out cups for tea and coffee in the kitchen.

#### *During the session*

During the session, there will always be at least one person in the kitchen and (until 11.20) one on the Welcome desk.

- As people start to arrive welcome them and offer tea and coffee. Indicate where they can get drinks and biscuits for the children. Take tea and coffee to them being careful carrying hot drinks around small children. Ensure that any hot drinks are placed out of the reach of children.
- If requested be prepared to sit on the welcome desk and welcome parents and carers as they enter the building. Show them where they can park buggies and ask them to sign in, register and pay the fee, (currently £1 per family unit).
- During the session mix with parents and carers. As appropriate, clear and wash up empty cups. Tidy and toys that have been moved from their area.
- Children are the responsibility of the parents and carers who come with them. As a group, we provide a safe environment to play under the supervision of those who have brought them. Be aware of issues of safety and be prepared to intervene in a situation that you think could be dangerous or offensive. Areas where supervision is particularly helpful are:
  - The slide
  - The doors into the toilets and corridors
  - The "sit on" toys.

#### *The end of the session*

- From around 11.30 start to tidy up in the kitchen and clear any toys that are not being used.
- When singing starts (11.45) Help clear toys, clean playdough table, sweep floor if required and clean nappy changing area.
- The session ends at 12.00

### ***The person should be:***

- Enthusiastic
- Approachable
- Caring
- Have a good sense of fun
- Good team worker
- Like people

### ***Best Working Practice***

- Be committed to team working and serving alongside others
- Always be polite
- Respect what people have to say
- Encourage and be positive

### ***Safeguarding***

Play at St Peter's falls under the church safeguarding policy and procedures. Please familiarise yourself with this policy, a copy of which is attached.

The church Safeguarding officer is Sandra Hollinghurst (07580 234110)

The person appointed by the church leadership to respond to any safeguarding concerns within the Group is Kathy Kilgour (0117 962 1100)

*Please contact one of us if you have any concerns.*