

PROTECTING VULNERABLE GROUPS (PVG)

GUIDELINES

- 1. Are parents/carers/adults attending school events required to have a PVG?**
NO, events such as assemblies, careers fairs, open mornings should be risk assessed and as long as at least one member of school staff is present with children at all times there would be need for individuals to be disclosure checked.
- 2. Do parents/carers/adults volunteering in school require a PVG?**
YES. Any adult volunteer supporting school activities e.g. reading groups, nativity rehearsals, sports activities should have a PVG. As the situation could arise, which was not planned, where the individual has unsupervised access to children, therefore schools must undertake a PVG check.
- 3. Do parents/carers/adults volunteering to support excursions require a PVG?**
YES. As with question 2 as this a core school activity.
- 4. Do parents/carers/adults volunteering to support PSA / Parent Council events require a PVG?**
YES. Head Teachers are strongly encouraged to have core PSA / Parent Council members with a PVG in order to support events. The number of PVG checks undertaken should be considered and a risk assessment completed, which considers the duties and requirements of the event.
- 5. Does a West Lothian pupil require a PVG to undertake work experience placements within another West Lothian school / nursery?**
NO. A work placement Risk Assessment should be completed. Given that work placement students are not adults, they should not have any roles/duties that requires them to have the responsibility for younger children or unsupervised access to children.
- 6. Do students require a PVG? (For example, college, university, foreign exchange students)**
YES. This would form the same role as the answer to question 2. This must be in place before any student starts in the school, no exceptions.
- 7. Do other professionals employed / utilised by the school require a PVG? (For example, play therapists, wellbeing coaches etc.)**
YES. This would form the same role as the answer to question 2.