

Afrikaya Visits Policy

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Afrikaya welcomes visits from sponsors to meet their sponsored children. To ensure the safety, wellbeing, and privacy of all children, all visits must follow the Afrikaya Visits Policy. All prospective visitors must:

- a)** Arrange all visits through Afrikaya. Except in exceptional circumstances, visit applications must be submitted in writing at least one month in advance.
- b)** NOT contact any child, their family, or community members in any way other than what has been formally agreed and authorised in writing by Afrikaya.
- c)** Sign a declaration confirming that they understand and will comply with the Afrikaya Child Protection Policy, Sponsorship Policy, and Visits Policy.
- d)** NOT make unauthorised visits under any circumstances.
- e)** Be accompanied by a member of Afrikaya school staff for the duration of every visit to a sponsored child.
- f)** NOT take a sponsored child, any other student, or their siblings away from Afrikaya Nursery School unless the child/children are accompanied by their parent/guardian and/or a member of Afrikaya school staff, except where specific permission has been granted by the trustees.
- g)** Understand that requests to arrange visits to the sponsor's home country will be declined.
- h)** Understand that monetary gifts to a child or their family are discouraged, as they can create inequality and raise expectations among other children and families, which Afrikaya seeks to avoid.
- i)** Be aware that after every visit, a report is submitted by the Head of Teaching or Head of School to the Afrikaya Chair of Trustees in the UK. This report includes the sponsor's name, others present, the child visited, and any concerns arising from the visit.

If a sponsor or supporter knowingly breaches Afrikaya's policies, Afrikaya reserves the right to end the relationship and take appropriate follow-up action with external bodies.

Afrikaya will not maintain a relationship with any sponsor or supporter who does not respect basic human rights, privacy, or the protection of children from harm.