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Afrikaya Visits Policy

Afrikaya encourages visits by sponsors to sponsored children. However, visits must strictly follow the Afrikaya Visits Policy to ensure that children who are visited are safe. All prospective visitors must note that they must:

- a) Arrange all visits to sponsored children via Afrikaya. Except in exceptional circumstances, applications will be in writing 2 months in advance.
- b) **NOT** attempt to contact any child who attends the school, his or her family or community members, in any manner other than that prescribed and permitted in advance in writing by Afrikaya.
- c) Sign a statement that says they understand and will comply with the Afrikaya Child Protection Policy, Sponsorship Policy and Visits Policy.
- d) **NOT** make unauthorised visits.
- e) Be accompanied by a member of the Afrikaya school staff, the Afrikaya Representative or a member of the School Management Committee throughout each visit to a sponsored child.
- f) **NOT** take a sponsored child [or any other student] or their siblings away from the Afrikaya Nursery School unless the child/children are accompanied by the parent/guardian and a member of the Afrikaya school staff, or the Afrikaya Representative, or a member of the School Management Committee.
- g) Be aware that any request to facilitate a visit to the sponsor's country will be turned down.
- h) Be aware that gifts of money to the child or their family are discouraged as this raises expectations of other children and their families and creates inequality which Afrikaya strives to avoid.
- i) Be aware that after every visit, the Head Teacher or Afrikaya Representative sends a report to the Afrikaya Chair of Trustees in the UK. This includes the name of the sponsor, other people present, and the child and anything of concern.

When sponsors and/or supporters knowingly go against Afrikaya's policies, Afrikaya reserves the right to bring the relationship to a close and to take follow-up action with external bodies as appropriate.

Afrikaya will not continue to maintain a relationship with a sponsor or supporter knowing that the person does not respect basic human rights or privacy and protection from harm.