



Approach and Purposes for Members

1 – General Information

La Récré is a non-profit organisation teaching French to Children in Southampton. The classes are aimed at French speaking children from the age of 18 months to 18 years. The session times are Saturdays during term time

- from 10:00 am to 11.30 am (1.5 hours)
- Each session will include a break (“la récré”)

2 – Parents

The use of the terms parents for the purposes of these conditions means either or both the parents of the child or the legal guardians of the child as set out in the registration form.

3 – Our philosophy

Through educative and playful activities, our philosophy is to enable children:

- To extend their vocabulary and ability to express themselves in French, to develop confidence and literacy skills at an academic level.
- To develop a sense of belonging to a community for French bilingual children and enhance connection to the Francophone culture
- To create a meeting point for French speaking families in the area.

4 – Our Program

When possible, we will introduce a cultural theme at the beginning of each session using songs, story, mime, puppets etc to carry throughout activities, aiming to develop logic, observation, graphic, numeric, literacy, imagination, art & craft skills. A special emphasis is given to oral and written expression abilities.

5 – Admission

Parents seeking a place for their child are asked to complete the registration form and should fulfill at least one of the following criteria:

- The child has at least one Francophone parent or close relative.
- Non-Francophone children who can understand and speak French.

In both cases, it is necessary that the child understand French.

6 – Parental Involvement

As a charity, we welcome parents to help with the running of the group, or as volunteer teaching assistants.

7 – Health

Parents undertake to disclose to La Récré before the start of each session any infectious disease or other medical condition of the child, which might affect his/her health or the health of other children while attending the sessions.

8 – Emergency treatment

It is a condition of the child's attendance that La Récré has full authority to give consent (if the parent cannot be contacted in time) to the carrying out emergency medical treatments or procedures, which are certified by a medical practitioner, to be necessary for the child's safety.

9 – Complaints Procedure

We advise parents to contact the child's teacher or a member of the committee if they have any complaints. Parents' complaints will be recorded and kept by La Récré.

10 – Behaviour

La Récré's ethos is that all children should feel welcome and voluntarily take part in the activities. We however expect children to be well behaved in class. Thus, should the behaviour of a child be repeatedly inappropriate and disturbing activities and other children, La Récré shall be entitled to exclude the child from the session permanently or for such period as La Récré determines. Remaining school fees will not be refunded.

11 – Insurance

La Récré is fully insured. However, children's personal possessions are not covered.

12- Special Needs

All children are welcome including those with special needs. Every effort will be assessed through observation, discussion with the parents and consultation with other agencies if appropriate.

13 – Fees

The cost for the Saturday session is fixed on a term basis and communicated to the parents prior to the term beginning. Each term is to be paid fully in advance prior to the term.

There are between 9 and 13 sessions per term or about 33 to 35 sessions per year.

A yearly membership fee is requested per family giving each family a voting right during the Annual General Assembly (AGM).

The price per session and membership fees are set out yearly in the registration form ("fiche d'inscription")

14 – Refund and cancellation

No refund will be given by La Récré if a child is absent from lessons through illness or otherwise. Notice of absence should be given as soon as possible, and at the latest, before the start of the session.

Cancellation: Parents should give notice of a cancellation, in writing to contact@larecre.co.uk at least half a term prior to the child leaving.

15 – Photography

La Récré may wish to take photographs or images of children to share with the parents or to include into the school's promotional material. La Récré needs parents' permission to do so. Please fill in the consent form and return it with your registration.

16 – Collecting children

Always inform La Récré's staff if your child is to be collected by someone other than the authorized persons.

Late collection fees will apply as £10 per 15 min.

17 – Child protection

La Récré aims to create a safe environment where children and adults are protected from abuse and harm, and are emotionally safe. All teachers and volunteers are DBS checked. La Récré has a designated Safeguarding officer, Jeanne-Françoise Williamson, Chair of La Récré. Parents have a duty to inform La Récré of their child's pre-existing injuries, which will be recorded.

Any suspected child abuse or neglect will be reported to the designated Safeguarding officer who will inform the relevant authorities.

Any team member suspected of child abuse will be reported by La Récré to the dedicated relevant authorities.

18 – Final statement

These conditions form the agreement between La Récré and the parents/guardians and should be read carefully. La Récré reserves the right to make changes to these conditions and will notify the parents at the earliest opportunity.