

GUIDELINES FOR FDC NEARLY NEW SHOP (NNS) WASHING VOLUNTEERS

Introduction

The guidelines below are meant to answer those questions which you may have, should you be thinking of becoming a volunteer.

Background

Named items of Lost Property found on the College campus are returned to their rightful owner, whilst items without names are taken to the Commissariat for safekeeping. They remain here for 4 weeks and at the end of that period, if they have not been claimed, the items are transferred to the Friends of Dulwich College Nearly New Shop (NNS).

Guidelines for Washing Volunteers

Please collect your load from the Commissariat. Items which have been in the Commissariat for 4 weeks are identified by them, then sorted by us. This is usually done on a Friday afternoon but of course your load can be collected at any point thereafter when the Commissariat is open, if it is better for you.

- 1 The objective is to wash/clean items which have become quite grubby so that they become sellable.
- 2 The quantity of items will vary from week to week. The contents will also vary. It will include not only school uniform but shoes and bags etc. The NNS only sells school uniform and items of sport equipment, shoes and sometimes bags. However we would be grateful if all the items in your load are washed and cleaned. Items which we cannot sell are disposed of appropriately, but we think it important that anything that we donate should be clean.
- 3 Although the site staff and the staff at the Commissariat endeavour to ensure that they have checked for names on items of lost property, very occasionally you may find that an item you are cleaning is named. If this is the case please can you highlight the item and the name.
- 4 Any bag which is of poor quality can be discarded. Poor quality clothing and odd shoes get donated as rags, which is a source of income to charities.
- 5 Please return the washed items to the NNS. There is no particular time constraint, although you would probably prefer that these items were not cluttering your home for too long!
- 6 It is understood that the week you are allocated may become inappropriate, e.g. for health or work reasons etc. Should this happen to you, in order to prevent a backlog for the volunteer the week following yours, please try and swap your week with someone else on the list or failing that contact us.

If you have any comments or concerns please contact the Nearly New Shop co-ordinators at nns@dulwich.org.uk