



Northern Ireland
Curriculum

Learning for Life and Work

Pupil Log Book for Work Placement



Pupil's Name: _____

Class: _____

School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Contact Number: _____

Name of Work Placement Organisation: _____

Date of Placement: _____

About this Log Book

This Log Book is for you to:

- record important relevant details about you, your school and the organisation you will be visiting;
- focus on what you hope to gain from the Work Placement;
- record interesting activities during the Work Placement;
- update your personal career plan; and
- reflect about what you learned and enjoyed during your Work Placement.

This is your log book. It is divided into three sections.

Section 1: Before the Work Placement

Section 2: During the Work Placement

Section 3: After the Work Placement

Why take part in a Work Placement?

It is important to prepare for your Work Placement so that you feel confident going to work on your first day and focus on what you hope to gain from the placement.

- It gives you a chance to experience typical working conditions.
- You can meet and talk to people who are earning their living and you can ask them about their jobs.
- It will help you see links between the subjects you are studying at school, and the skills you will need in working life.
- It will help you discover more about your own skills and interests.

Explain what you know about the organisation you are going to for your placement?

Work Placement Preparation

Your personal checklist

I will be working at _____ (Name of Organisation)

(address) _____

(telephone number) _____

I must report to Mr/Mrs/Miss _____ at _____ am/pm

I shall start work at _____ am/pm and finish at _____ am/pm

Lunch is from _____ am/pm to _____ am/pm

There are breaks at _____ am/pm and _____ am/pm

To get to work in good time I will have to leave home at _____ am/pm

I will travel by _____ (bus/car etc) and my fares will be £ _____ per day

Suitable clothing and footwear _____

Will I need any special clothing (specify?) _____

Will this be provided by the employer? _____

What shall I do for lunchtime meal? _____

Skills and Qualities

Write down five skills and five qualities that employers would like you to have.

Skills

Qualities

1 _____ 1 _____

2 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 4 _____

5 _____ 5 _____

Personal Objectives

List your Personal Objectives for the Work Placement. For example find out what qualifications and training are necessary for a particular job.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Section 2: During the Work Placement

Your time spent on placement will allow you to look around you and get an insight into this organisation, carry out allocated tasks and also learn more about yourself - what you like and how you get along with people.

Pupil Induction Checklist to be completed with the Employer at the start of the placement Please tick

- 1 Contact name and numbers exchanged _____
- 2 Hours of work _____
- 3 Lunch break etc _____
- 4 Leave procedure _____
- 5 Sickness, notification procedure _____
- 6 Location of facilities
 - toilets* _____
 - canteen* _____
 - cloakroom* _____
 - parking* _____
- 7 First Aid Area _____
- 8 Fire evacuation procedures _____
- 9 Information given to pupil on:
 - company rules* _____
 - security* _____
 - confidentiality* _____
 - use of resources* _____
 - uniform/protective clothing* _____

Induction carried out by: _____

Signature of Employer: _____

Signature of Pupil: _____

Date: _____

Record of Activities

Identify four typical activities in any one day.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Section 3: After the Work Placement

It is very important that you take time to reflect about what you have learned from your Work Placement. The activities on the following pages are designed to help you to do that.

Circle the words which best describe the type of work you undertook during your Work Placement.

TIRING CHALLENGING SERVICE
 REPETITIVE PRACTICAL SKILLED
 REWARDING ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENTIFIC
 CLERICAL INTERESTING

Add some words of your own.

Indicate which skills/aptitudes you needed during your Work Placement.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Good Eyesight			Confidence on telephone		
Colour Vision			Ability to get on with people		
Stamina			Patience		
Ability to make decisions quickly			Accuracy		
Ability to understand instructions			Ability to explain things to others		
Good at mental arithmetic			Strength		
Good at measurement			Ability to stand for long periods		
Clear handwriting			Good memory		
			IT skills		

Section 3: After the Work Placement

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Needs Attention
1 My timekeeping was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 My attendance during Work Placement was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 The appropriateness of my clothing was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 My attitude to fellow workers was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 My willingness to listen and learn was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 My skill at adapting to different situations was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 My awareness of health and safety practices was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 My ability to show initiative was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 My attitude to work was	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other comments:

eg – Did you enjoy your Work Placement?

– What were your impressions of other workers?

– Would you recommend this Work Placement organisation for another pupil?

Section 3: After the Work Placement

Employer's Assessment Form

Record of Assessment of pupil's performance during the Work Placement. To be completed by the employer.

Nature of work: _____

Length of Placement: _____

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
Timekeeping				
Personal appearance				
Ability to work in a team				
Relationships with others				
Regard for Health and Safety				
Ability to follow instructions				
Communication Skills				
Enthusiasm				
Initiative				
Commitment				
Attendance				

Other comments

Signed: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

Remember to:

- (i) Write a letter of thanks to your employer;
- (ii) Research companies in your careers library and IT suite to investigate further career ideas;
- (iii) Update your Personal Career Plan; and
- (iv) Reflect back on your placement, particularly when in class you are asked to give a 'real life' example.

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