

Guidelines for Providence House/ Gertrude's Guesthouse Guests

1. When entering or exiting the Guesthouse

Please use the stairs adjacent to the main building not the stairs leading to the children's residence. This insures that the children's routine is not disrupted.

2. Interacting and playing with the children

Though the children benefit from individual attention and interaction, it can, again, disrupt their routines, education, and therapy if it occurs at certain times. As such, guests are encouraged to interact with the children but only at these specified times.

A. For the children who attend school at Notre Maison

On school days, between the hours 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm. During this time you may want to take a child for a walk, but please ensure that you check with a nannie first before doing so. For reasons of safety, please take only one child.

B. For the children who attend school outside the orphanage

On school days, between the hours of 3:30 and 5:00 and 6:00 and 7:30.

These children may enjoy a game of soccer outside the orphanage or activities such as arts and crafts, bingo, puzzles, books etc. There are activities in the volunteer closet that can be used. Please ensure that you and the children return all items to their rightful place when finished.

On the weekend or holidays appropriate times may vary. Please check with Gertrude to establish play times.

3. Gifts and Candy

The children enjoy gifts and candy, but they can be very disruptive if given at the wrong time. Please give any gifts or candy to Madame Suze or Gabriel. They will distribute these at their discretion.