

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

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Family Reading at Home

Who are we?

We are Literacy Volunteers, a registered charity formed in 1996, which helps children in Primary Schools with reading and communication difficulties overcome their problems. We are a partnership of member schools and Volunteers, who we vet (via the CRB) train and support in post with the minimum call on school staff resources. This is our **Family Reading at Home Course**.

What do we do?

- The main aim of **Family Reading at Home** is to encourage parents/grandparents/uncles and aunts/carers to help primary school age children gain enjoyment from books, not just 'listen to children read' and for all involved to have fun in sharing the joy that reading can bring. The course will be held in local centres and covers:
 - Reading techniques, that can be used so that the experience of reading with an adult is encouraging rather than discouraging.
 - The need for the adults to understand that they are **not** 'teaching reading' but sharing their reading and communicating skills.
 - What it feels like to be struggling to read and children's consequent behaviour.
 - How to structure a session, what to do and what not to do.
 - The use of word games and puzzles.
 - The adoption of the praise and award method and the sharing of "golden moments".

Who will benefit?

- The adults, as they will be better equipped and more confident in their approach to helping children read and communicate.
- The children, who will have their own "quality time" with a specific caring adult who will be able to share their love of reading with them and inspire them to greater achievements.
- All involved, as understanding and relationships are strengthened.

What do you do if you are interested?

Contact the Administrator on **0115 915 0820** or email contact@literacyvolunteers.org.uk to find out more and detailed costings.

We are also able to offer:

Community Course

Parent Volunteers Course

Sixth Form Mentors Course

Pen Pals Scheme



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