

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

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Parent Volunteers Course

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 **Parent Volunteers Course**.

What do we do?

The main aim of the **Parent Volunteers** course is to encourage parents to help children gain enjoyment from books, not just 'listen to children read'. The Volunteers are recruited and managed by the participating School.

The course covers:

- Reading techniques, that can be used so that the experience of reading with a volunteer is encouraging rather than discouraging.
- The need for volunteers to understand that they are **not** 'teaching reading' but sharing their own enjoyment of books.
- What it feels like to be struggling to read and children's consequent behaviour.
- The use of word games and puzzles.
- The development of the children's understanding of what they have read.
- Volunteers' behaviour in schools, including the need for confidentiality, child protection, equal opportunities and health & safety.

Who will benefit?

- The Parent Volunteers 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 "Volunteer" who will be able to share their love of reading with them and inspire them to greater achievements.
- The School who will be able to capitalise on the success of their children and build a reservoir of trained and motivated Parent Volunteers who know they are valued.

What do you do if you are interested?

Contact the Administrator on **0115 915 1119** or email contact@literacyvolunteers.org.uk to find out more and detailed costings.

We are also able to offer:

Community Course

Sixth Form Mentors Course

Family Reading at Home Course

Pen Pals Scheme



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