



19th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reading Volunteers

We are looking for parents to put themselves forward as reading volunteers in school to help children improve their skills and develop a passion for reading. The role would require you to listen to children read on a one-to-one basis for a short amount of time every week (around 30 minutes per week, or longer if you have time).

We'd like to emphasise that absolutely no teaching experience is required for the role. The purpose of the volunteers is for them to be there to listen to children read, to give them practice of reading aloud and to build their confidence and enjoyment of reading.

We will be holding a training session for all those interested on **Thursday 3rd October**. The session will consist of 2 essential parts:

**Safeguarding- 9.00am – 9.30am** with Lisa Cameron

**Reading Strategies- 9.30am – 10.30am** with Sarah Greenway

If you are interested in listening to children read in school on a weekly basis, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school office by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest. Alternatively, email [messages@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:messages@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk).

If you have been a reading volunteer in the past **you will only need to attend the safeguarding training session**, but you are more than welcome to attend the reading strategies session too.

All reading volunteers will need to hold a DBS (formerly known as CRB) certificate, which the school will fund and apply for on your behalf. If you have already worked as a volunteer at Oswald Road and your DBS is still in date then you will not need a new one.

Kind regards,

Sarah Greenway (Reading and Parental Links Lead) & Lisa Cameron (Safeguarding & Pastoral Manager)

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## Reading Volunteers

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to become a reading volunteer

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I am able to attend the training session on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



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