

10th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Volunteer Workshop

We are looking for parents/carers or relatives who would like to become a reading volunteer in school.

We would 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 and to give them practice of reading aloud to build their confidence and enjoyment of 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 45 minutes per week or longer if you have time). Most classes will need volunteers in the afternoons.

We will be holding mandatory training for all interested volunteers on Thursday 3rd November from 8:45am-10:15am. This will cover:

- How to support a child with reading at school
- What is phonics and how to pronounce pure sounds
- What makes a good reader?
- Safeguarding

If you are interested in listening to children read in school on a weekly basis, please complete [this Google Form](#) by **Monday 31st October**.

If you have been a reading volunteer in the past you will still need to attend the training session so that we can update you on any changes.

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) & Amanda Clifton (Pastoral and Support Manager)



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