



WOOLLEY WOOD SCHOOL
Volunteer Information Sheet

Woolley Wood is a special needs school in Parson Cross, Sheffield and we are looking for volunteers to assist us in supporting our children with literacy skills.

There are three ways in which you could assist us:

1. Lending Library

We want all children to have the opportunity to take home reading books to share with their families. You would assist in the borrowing procedure, helping the children to make choices about which book they would like, recording and keeping track of the books borrowed and returned and maintaining the tidiness of the library area.

2. Reading and Literacy support

We require volunteers to support children in paired and small group reading sessions. Children will be working to a reading scheme and you will assist in preparing resources and activities for these sessions.

It is important that you can listen and communicate in a positive and patient manner, recognise and praise pupil's steps of achievement and be flexible and independent in a busy school environment.

In return you will have access to books and activities within your sessions, the opportunity to develop and use your current skills to benefit children and you can further develop these through specialised training opportunities.

3. Resource Building

We are aiming to improve the successful use of sensory stories within school. Sensory stories are a method used to allow children to engage in a story by exploring props that promote the use of all 5 senses. The exploration of physical objects is important to our children and help to aid their understanding.

If you are creative and enjoy crafts, sewing, knitting, drawing and feel you can use these skills to help us create exciting and tactile experiences for children then we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please email us on: enquiries@woolleywood.sheffield.sch.uk clearly stating what you are interested in and your availability.

We are flexible but do require consistent attendance.

Reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses will be considered for volunteers.

Volunteer forms will be available at our open events to be held on Wednesday 25th November from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. and Tuesday 1st December from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. where you can obtain more information and meet the staff and children.

The closing date for submission of volunteer applications is Friday 4th December 2015.

If you are unable to attend the open visits but are still interested, please let us know and we will try to organise alternative arrangements.

IMPORTANT: All volunteers will need to undertake an Enhanced DBS check which the school will provide free of charge.