

## Reading Volunteer Role Description

<b>Purpose of the role</b>	1 in 4 children leave primary school below the expected reading age. This role requires you to listen to children read and encourage an enjoyment of books and an increase in reading for pleasure. This support is proven to help build children's literacy skills and enable them to move towards reaching their academic potential.
<b>What you will be doing</b>	Volunteers will visit a primary school weekly for a minimum of an hour and listen to children read individually to help develop their reading and comprehension skills.
<b>When and where</b>	Your session will take place at the same school and at the same time each week. This day and time will be confirmed during your initial contact with your partner school but will be at a time that suits you. We ask that our volunteers commit to visiting your school weekly for a full year, although holidays and appointments can be taken during this time.
<b>Skills, experience and qualities needed</b>	It is not necessary to have any prior school experience or qualifications for this role but volunteers do need to be over 18, have good written and spoken English and enjoy spending time with children.
<b>Safeguarding, training and induction</b>	An enhanced DBS check will be required, carried out by the school. They may also ask for references and carry out on-line checks and require completion of school safeguarding training. Mandatory safeguarding and best practice guidance training will be provided by Schoolreaders. This will all need to be completed before you can start volunteering.
<b>Support offered</b>	One main point of contact at the school. Schoolreaders Operations team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available for on-going support by phone and email.</li> <li>• Optional on-line forums for new and existing volunteers.</li> <li>• Facebook group for active volunteers.</li> </ul>
<b>What you could get out of it</b>	As a volunteer, you'll make a meaningful difference in children's reading development and to their future life chances by helping to strengthen their reading skills and spark a love of reading. You will have the opportunity to build lasting connections with your school, as well as with other volunteers through forums or the Facebook group. Many volunteers find it incredibly rewarding to see the impact of their support on children's confidence and academic progress and feel a sense of purpose from contributing their time and skills within their community.
<b>What to do if you're interested</b>	For more information or to apply please visit our website <a href="https://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer">https://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer</a> , email <a href="mailto:admin@schoolreaders.org">admin@schoolreaders.org</a> or call 01234 924111