



# FERN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Re: Volunteer Reader Programme

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Fern Hill we greatly value the strong home-school partnership we have with our parent and carer community and, in particular, the contribution many of you have made in the past by coming into school to hear the children read. This not only strengthens our relationship with you, but also significantly increases the rate of progress that the children can make with their reading. Reading is fundamental to a child's academic success and to the growth of their life and learning skills.

Now that we can welcome parents and carers back into school, we would like to resume and grow our volunteer programme and invite you to read with the children once again.

We are particularly looking for your help to develop our younger children. If your child is in Years 3-6, you are of course welcome to read with their year group, but we would very much appreciate your support reading with children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

Typically, you will work one-to-one with a child or small group of children, spending 10 minutes with each child talking about the book they're reading, listening to them read and reading to them. You will work with the same children each week; getting to know them and watching them progress. You may also be asked to help a class change their books in one of the school libraries or get involved with a particular classroom activity.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please complete the linked form below by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please complete this form even if you have already spoken to your class teacher.

[Volunteer Reader Programme Registration 2021/2022](#)

*We are passionate about developing the whole child and instilling an enduring love of learning*

Inspiration

Collaboration

Empathy

Excellence



I am running two introduction and training sessions for Volunteer Readers on the following days:

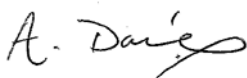
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 am** for parents and carers who would like to read with children in Years 3-6 and,
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00 am** for those of you who would like to read with the younger children.

The meeting will last 30 minutes and cover responsibilities and expectations including COVID-19 safety measures in school, confidentiality, how to support reading and phonics and DBS checks.

Please be aware that as part of our COVID-19 safety measures and due to the close contact nature of reading with children, we will ask volunteer readers to take twice weekly lateral flow tests in line with the expectations we have of all staff and wear a face covering in the school building, unless exempt.

Once we have collected in all the offers of help, we will get back to you. Thank you in advance for offering your time; it is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



**Mrs A. Davies**  
***Assistant Headteacher***