



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

"I used to hate reading, but now it is fun and I even read at home with my mum"

That's how one Year 8 student described her experience after getting involved in the innovative project at John Smeaton Academy.

Since we began in February 2013, the scheme has gone from strength to strength and now has 80 children, aged 11-14 reading with a volunteer every Tuesday.

These pupils have been targeted for help because their chronological reading age is **18+ months below their actual age.**

Without good reading skills, progress at school is seriously affected and future opportunities are limited.

"It's the highlight of my week," says one volunteer,

"Seeing the children grow in confidence and improve is very encouraging"

There are clearly rewards for all involved. Why not join us?

How it Works

- Tuesdays term time 8.30-10am and/or 9.45-11.00am.
- Each volunteer listens to each pupil read for 10-15 minutes, with a break at 10.45am.
- Volunteers are supervised by staff at all times in the school library.
- As part of our child protection policy, character references and DBS checks will be required.

VACANCIES

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We need **3** new volunteers for our **1st** session **(8.30-10am)** and **2** extra volunteers (to cover sickness & planned absence of our regular volunteers) for the whole session **(8.30-11am)**



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For more information and an application form

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