

Warwick Volunteers

School Volunteers

School Volunteers are placed in primary schools in Coventry (Cannon Park, Canley and Earlsdon) and Leamington and work with class teachers and school staff to provide support to pupils. Volunteering in schools is a rewarding way to make a difference to the lives of young people in your community. By volunteering for just one hour a week, you will support pupils with their learning and help to build their confidence, whilst developing transferable skills useful for any career path.

Role Description

Volunteers will work under the supervision of school staff. Roles will include the following and may vary to meet the needs and requirements of individual schools.

- Working with pupils on a one-to-one basis to listen to them read to develop their skills and confidence.
- Helping with activities in the classroom on an individual, small group or whole class basis and motivating pupils to get involved.
- Providing extra support to individual pupils with special educational needs, additional needs or where English isn't their first language.
- Helping school staff to prepare the physical environment for lessons and clearing away after classes.
- Adhering to School and Warwick Volunteers policies and procedures, including Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Data Protection.
- Participating fully in training and supervision.
- Providing feedback to the school and Warwick Volunteers.

Skills Required

- The ability to communicate and engage with young people.
- The ability to think creatively and adapt to the individual needs of young people.
- Reliable, punctual, and trustworthy.
- Approachable and welcoming.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Good literacy and numeracy skills.
- Enthusiasm, patience, understanding and an open-minded approach.
- Optional: previous experience within a classroom setting or working with young people.

Volunteer Requirements and Commitment

- Complete online safeguarding training.
- Complete a DBS check (and Certificate of Good Conduct if applicable).
- Attend Warwick Volunteers information session.
- Complete school induction and training.
- Commit to a minimum of 1 hour of volunteering a week in school throughout term 2 (9 weekly sessions excluding school half term). There is the option to continue placements for a third term or during the following academic year.

Travel

Schools are located close to campus or in Leamington. We ask volunteers to walk to their school placement if possible. Warwick Volunteers can provide transport for volunteers with accessibility or support requirements.

Travel expenses can be reimbursed by Warwick Volunteers if you do not hold a bus pass.

Schools Volunteers Project Timeline

Term 1
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Volunteer completes application form (approx. 30mins).2. Informal Interview (30mins).3. DBS check (approx. 1 hour application form) Documents need to be submitted in person to the Student Information Centre in Senate House.4. Certificate of Good Conduct -if you have lived out of the UK for a continuous period of 6 months or more in the last 5 years (time varies per country).5. Safeguarding training online (1 hour).6. Warwick Volunteers Introductory session and Q&A, meet the volunteer group (in-person meeting - 1.5 hours).7. School introduction (in-person 1 hour).
Term 2
<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. First volunteering session in week 1.9. Weekly volunteering sessions until week 10 (excluding school half-term)10. Feedback to Warwick Volunteers. <p>Volunteering day and time to be arranged with school and yourself.</p>
Term 3
Volunteers can continue volunteering if they wish to. This is optional.

Volunteering hours can be included in your hours log which contributes towards [Reward and Recognition](#).