

Warwick Volunteers

Schools Volunteers

Schools Volunteers are placed in primary schools in 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.

- 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.
- Working with pupils on a one-to-one basis to listen to them read to develop their skills and confidence.
- 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

- Reliable, punctual, and trustworthy.
- Approachable and welcoming.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Good literacy and numeracy skills.
- The ability to communicate and engage with young people.
- The ability to think creatively and adapt to the individual needs of young people.
- 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 a week for 2 terms during university term time (excluding school holidays). There is the option to continue placements for a third term or during the following academic year.

Travel

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

Schools Volunteers Project Timeline

Summer Term/Week 1 Term 1
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Volunteer completes application form (approx. 30mins).2. DBS check (approx. 1 hour application form) Online application form and documents need to be submitted in person to the Student Information Centre in Senate House.3. 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).4. Safeguarding training online (1 hour).5. All shortlisted volunteers will need to attend compulsory training on Wednesday 27 September, 10-11.30am, Online via Teams (1.5 hours)
Term 1 and 2
<p>Once all training and safeguarding checks have been completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. School introduction (in-person 1 hour).7. First volunteering session.8. Follow up debrief with Warwick Volunteers. <p>1 hour- 3.5 hours – per week during university term time (excluding school holidays) date and time to be arranged with school and yourself.</p>
Term 3
Volunteers can continue volunteering if they wish to. This is optional.

All hours spent preparing to volunteer can be included in your [volunteering hours log](#) which contribute towards the Warwick Award.