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Dear parent/carer,

As the new academic year approaches, we are looking to welcome back our amazing volunteers to support our robins with their reading and numbers skills. The past year has meant that this has restricted the visiting adults we have been able to accommodate in school; however, changes to the restrictions have presented school with the opportunity of working with parents, carers, grandparents etc once again.

There will still be systems in place within school to limit the spreading of the COVID-19 virus and any volunteers and staff will need to adhere to these; however, they will not restrict the ability to support the children.

How can you support the children?

We are looking for adults to come into school primarily to work with the children on their mathematics and reading.

Mathematics - This will be playing games with the children (provided by school) which develop their number bonds and times tables awareness. There may be some rote learning as the children develop.

Reading - This will be listening to the children read to develop their fluency and pace with some level of comprehension, where appropriate.

All sessions will run between 9am-10am and 2pm-3pm, in line with drop off and pick up from school.

Please do not feel any anxiety about working with older children as training and support will be given to all volunteers where it is needed.

Can anyone volunteer in school?

Experience has shown us that it is often grandparents who are available to support the children and we absolutely welcome any family members who are able to commit themselves to volunteering in school. However, a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check must be in place before any adult is able to



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support in school. If you possess a valid DBS then this will need to be presented to the school office when requested. If you do not currently have a DBS check but you are eager to volunteer, school is able to apply for one on your behalf. Please be aware that Newchurch would be covering the cost of any DBS check and therefore request that any volunteers who require school to purchase a DBS are able to commit to the programme. Whilst we are hugely grateful for any support, school is unable to purchase DBS checks which do not directly benefit the children.

Educational Visits

The changes in restrictions have also opened up many educational visit opportunities and will see a return to learning outside the classroom. As ever, school trips require detailed planning and a heightened ratio of adults to children which, particularly in key stage one and early years, often relies on the support of volunteers. If you feel like you may be available to support our classes at some point throughout the year then please complete the Educational Visits section of the form.

These trips will be day visits only and will not include any residential experiences.

If you feel that you have the capacity to support with any of the above, please complete the Google Form attached by Friday September 10th.

<https://forms.gle/4DzS9R57DsZQByPm9>

Thank you in advance

John Duckett

Deputy Headteacher



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