

## **Volunteer Tutor Application form**

Please complete all sections and send form to:-  
Passion for Learning C.I.C.,  
Unit D3, Stanlaw Business Centre  
Dover Drive, Ellesmere Port  
Cheshire CH65 9BF

# **Passion for Learning**



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| How did you hear about Passion For Learning? |
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| Can you tell us why you would like to work with children and inspire them to want to learn ? |
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| Tell us about any personal or professional experience you have of working with children?<br>(Full training and support will be given so this is not a necessity) |
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We want our volunteers to share the world with the children and tell them about their interests and experiences. Tell us about your hobbies and pastimes.

Volunteers are a wonderful resource and we are delighted that you are considering giving your time to the children we work with. What would you like to get from this volunteering experience?

Once at a placement we need to ensure our volunteers are committed to building a rapport with the children and are committed to weekly sessions to ensure the children have stability and consistency with their Volunteer. Looking at your current lifestyle and commitments could you make time to either (i) go into school twice a week for one and a half hours? (occasional term time holidays are not a problem), or (ii) help at the weekly after-school activity/enrichment club for 1 ½ hrs? Delete the option you're not interested in (if any) if you know this. Please remember to take account of travelling time.

Yes

No

Additional Comments:

Do you have a serious illness or disability that could impact on your work in school ?

Passion for Learning does not see illness or disability as a barrier to volunteering but sometimes we will, with your permission, require a medical reference

Yes

No

Do you drive?

Yes

No

Do you have access to a car ?

Yes

No

We look to place you where we feel a Volunteer is most needed. Would you be willing to travel (whether by car or public transport) up to a five mile radius from your home? (We pay travel expenses)

Yes

No

If No, please give details of the areas you would like to volunteer in:

Do you envisage volunteering for Passion For Learning for more than one year (barring any unforeseen circumstances)?

Volunteering with Passion for Learning you will be working with children in a school environment. We are, therefore, exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. However, not all past convictions will provide a barrier to volunteering provided that they are declared at this stage of your application.

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence or received a caution, reprimand or warning?  Yes  No

Do you have any matters pending?

Yes

No

# Passion for Learning Volunteers

'Motivated children inspired to achieve'

Many children do not have the rich experiences that motivate children to want to learn and achieve. Even simple basic things like having a conversation or making a decision is often beyond very vulnerable children. Unable to listen and concentrate, many children simply have too many social and emotional needs to learn effectively. These barriers often mean that they are behind their peers and unable to access even the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to succeed.

## Do you need special skills and qualifications?

Our training is designed to enhance the knowledge, skills and ideas that you have to help the children to make progress. We are looking for people who genuinely enjoy helping children to succeed. We need volunteers who are positive and enthusiastic who can pass on their own passion for learning to their children. We offer real ideas and case studies to help you overcome barriers but most children thrive with warmth, patience, enthusiasm and consistency.

## What do you need from me?

Many vulnerable children are used to being let down. They need consistency and reliability. **We ask you to stay with the organisation for no less than a year.** The children look forward to their sessions and often see the time that you offer as an oasis of calm and care in their frequently troubled lives. If you take an occasional term time holiday then that is not an issue but if you are away frequently or have commitments that can take you away for long periods then this isn't the opportunity for you.

## What will you get back?

We will complete and pay for your DBS. We provide two days initial training that covers important issues such as Child Protection. You will be introduced to the school and you will have a staff member in school who is your point of contact. We make sure that you are well supported by us and you will have at least termly opportunities both to socialise with other volunteers and to share new ideas and troubleshoot any problems. We will provide you with the resources that you need. The resources that we provide include games, toys and books that are tailored to the needs of the child and your own strengths and interests. We pay your travel expenses (up to 5 miles each way from your home).

Will I enjoy it and do the children enjoy it? **Yes, without a doubt !**

Declaration:

I have read and understood the volunteering offer and the commitment required. Also the information that I have provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Please be advised you are consenting to us keeping your name, address, contact details and reference on record in accordance with our Privacy Statement that can be found on [www.passion-for-learning.com](http://www.passion-for-learning.com), which includes your Right to Object. Passion for Learning is committed to protecting your privacy in compliance with GDPR 2018.

Signed

Date

Please provide the names of two persons who are willing to act as referees in respect of your application.

**Your referees must have known you for at least two years.**

Your referees must not be a relative and must be willing to answer a small number of short questions.

**Reference One**

**Title**                      **Name**

**Address**

**Town**

**County**

**Postcode**

**E-mail**

**Telephone No.**

**Reference Two**

**Title**                      **Name**

**Address**

**Town**

**County**

**Postcode**

**E-mail**

**Telephone No.**

**Please tick to confirm you have contacted your nominated referees and they agree to us contacting them.**