

Stanhope Barrington C of E  
Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Re: Volunteers Needed**

Do you have an hour or two per week to spare? Would you like to support your local primary school? We are looking for volunteers who would like to get involved with our school to help out in a range of different ways.

Reading with Children

We are always in need of volunteer readers who can come in and read with children both to instil a love of learning but also to help them to develop their reading skills. Reading is one of our target areas for 'catch up' and your support with our readers would be invaluable. This can be from as little as an hour a week.

After School Clubs

Do you have a specific skill which you would like to share with our children? Please let me know so we can discuss setting up an after-school club. We would like to offer our children the opportunity to experience lots of different interests and hobbies. We already have volunteers offering art clubs, archaeology clubs etc so we would love to hear from you if you have something you would like to share.

Maintenance/Gardening

We have a Gardening contract which is expensive and covers the maintenance of grass and hedges but does not include the raised and flat beds or allotment garden. If anyone is interested in helping to maintain our garden areas this would be fantastic. We would like to get the children involved too depending upon availability and times. We could set up a gardening club if anyone is interested. We also have fences and wooden structures which need attention both in terms of repair and painting. We could pay for someone to do this for us but this taking what little money we do have away from the children's education and therefore if we could establish a team of people who can support with this sort of work, it will hugely benefit the children.

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### Supporting on school trips

We would also like to set up a list of parents/carers who would be prepared to help out on school trips and visits this year. Every time we take the children out we have a legal ratio limit of adults to children and sometimes trips cannot go ahead if we cannot release enough staff. This is a real challenge for a small rural school and therefore we have to rely on parent helpers to support us. If you would like to register as a parent helper for trips and educational visits please contact the school office.

### Parental Engagement Groups

Another way to get involved and support the school is to join one of our Parental Engagement groups. We value our relationships and feedback from parents and have a wide range of Parental Engagement Groups including: Fellowship of Stanhope Barrington (our version of the PTA), The Friends of Stanhope Barrington (our fundraising group), Website User Group and our Grants and Funding Team. More information about these groups is available on our website.

If you are interested in any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are already registered with a group don't worry you don't need to let me know, your name will just continue into this year from last year.

Thank you so much for any support you can give.

Yours sincerely

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