

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to have all of the children back in school and are now planning for the rest of this year and the next academic year. In light of schools fully opening and recent government guidance, we are now in a position to begin our new Reading Volunteers initiative – **Superhero Readers** – at Newfield Park Primary School!



Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had some fantastic reading volunteers in school and we really valued the contribution that they made. Our aim is to launch a reading initiative aimed at closing any “gaps” that may have opened up whilst children were not in school. This program will run from Reception all the way to Year 6, beginning in Years 1 and 2. Volunteers will be asked to listen to children read on a one-to-one basis. All volunteers will be assigned to either a class or year group.

Below are some questions and answers that explain this initiative in a little more detail.

### Who can volunteer?

Anyone over the age of 18 who really loves reading can volunteer to be a Superhero Reader! As with all regular visitors to Newfield, the school will complete an enhanced DBS check before you start. Where volunteers have relations in school (e.g. children, cousins, nephews, grandchildren) you will be placed in a year group separate to the child's current year.

### How does it work?

During the time you are in school (normally part of a morning or afternoon) you may read with 4 to 6 children, depending on their age and the time you are in! You'll have somewhere in school – normally the library area – where you will be able to listen to the child read quietly and ask them questions about their book. Sessions with each individual child may last between 15 and 30 minutes. This individual time for children is really special!

### How much time do I need to volunteer?

Your time is precious; it's up to you. Let us know what works for you and we will plan and work around it. However, so we can plan and give the children a timetable for them to look forward to, we ask that you commit to the same 'time' every week, just for consistency, and commit to completing one half-term in school.

### How can I get involved?

If you are interested in becoming a Superhero Reader at Newfield Park Primary, then please [click the link here](#) to fill in the Microsoft Form. It'll go through all the key information we need e.g. email address / phone number. I'll then be in touch to invite you in for a morning where you will meet other Superhero Readers and receive training in Reading and Safeguarding. There will of course be coffee, tea and refreshments on hand! There are also some

important safeguarding documents to read and sign and our Emergency Evacuation Policy and Procedure to read - this is standard practice for volunteering within any school.

I need more information

If you have a question, feel free to email me at [troddison@newfield.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:troddison@newfield.dudley.sch.uk) and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

I hope you're as excited about Superhero Readers as we are in school and can see the incredible potential it has for a whole range of children across school.

Kindest regards,



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