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Can You Help Us to Continue to Inspire a Love of Reading?

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Mapledene, we know that one of the most valuable things we can give our children is the gift of time — and we are looking for parents and carers who might be able to volunteer some of their time to support our children with their reading.

We are inviting parents and carers to become Reading Volunteers, providing children with valuable one-to-one time to read aloud, be listened to, and talk meaningfully about the books and stories they are enjoying.

For some children, having dedicated one-to-one reading time with an adult can make a real difference to their confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading. These shared reading moments provide valuable opportunities to talk about characters, explore new vocabulary and discuss ideas and opinions, helping children to develop a deeper understanding of what they read.

No previous experience is necessary and full training and guidance will be provided. You don't need to be a teacher or have any special qualifications — just a love of books, a willingness to listen and an enthusiasm for helping our children.

Supporting Our Library

We would also love to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping us make the most of our well-stocked school library.

Volunteers could support us by:

- Reorganising and reallocating books so that our collection remains accessible and engaging.
- Helping to keep the library tidy, welcoming and in good order.
- Supporting the organisation and presentation of our books.
- Helping us to develop ideas and opportunities for children to use and enjoy the library.
- Contributing ideas for activities and initiatives that could further encourage a love of reading across our school community.

There are lots of different ways to get involved, and we would be very grateful for whatever time you are able to offer.

Safeguarding

For the safety and wellbeing of our children, all parent and carer volunteers will be required to complete a DBS check. The school will facilitate and support you through this process, and further information will be provided when you register your interest.

If you would like to become a Reading Volunteer, support our library, or perhaps do a little of both, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Miss Faulkner via the school office on 0121 464 2881 or email: contact@mapledeneschool.com to register your interest or to find out more.

Together, we can give our children more opportunities to develop their confidence, discover wonderful books and, most importantly, develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for considering volunteering and for helping us to make a difference to our children.

Best wishes

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