

Primary Mentoring

Since 2005, Inspire! have formed Primary Mentoring partnerships between schools and businesses. Each mentor is matched with a pupil at their partner school, and works with them weekly/fortnightly usually over a lunchtime. The volunteer will spend time with their pupil practicing their literacy or numeracy skills. Each employer is partnered with one school and forms an ongoing relationship that is managed by the school co-ordinator.



"It was good to do something quite different from the day-to-day job and use different skills. Working with the children encouraged me to look at things from a different perspective... I would come back refreshed and ready for work in the afternoon." - Reading Partners Volunteer

Objectives

Many children receive very little one to one support, so the dedicated attention of a volunteer can make all the difference. We aim to:

- Improve pupils' literacy and/or numeracy skills
- Increase pupils' enjoyment of maths and/or reading
- Increase pupils' confidence and communication skills

The scheme also enhances children's social skills, building a positive relationship with an adult role model and insight into the world of work. Volunteers can gain experience of mentoring, whilst taking part in a rewarding scheme.

Get involved

Mentors do not need any special skills or experience. They will have an enthusiasm for working with children and good listeners. Inspire! manage the relationship between school and company and support volunteers throughout. Our support includes:

- DBS checks for all new volunteers and re-checks for established volunteers
- Training for new volunteers
- Resources for all volunteers
- Primary Network meetings for school and company co-ordinators
- Planning and review meetings with the school and company co-ordinators
- Monitoring and evaluation of the programme

If you would like to take part in the programme, please contact Lucinda at Inspire! on lucinda.worlock@inspire-ebp.org.uk or 0207 275 6065