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Volunteers: Be a Bransgore Learning Hero!

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is so lovely to have our school back and up and running and feeling rather more "normal" than it has for a long time. Thank you all so much for helping us settle the children in and supporting them with their learning and routines, it has been hard for them all, even our older pupils.

We are now starting to identify gaps and support we need to offer to children and for us to do this really successfully we want to ask for your help.

We really need as many volunteers as possible to support learning and teaching in our school. If you have any time to spare or feel you would like to help as a Bransgore Learning Hero, we would be delighted to hear from you!

We need help in many areas such as:

- General classroom help for the teacher, organising resources, cutting out, making displays and tidying.
- Listening to readers and helping pupils close the gap in their phonics and comprehension/ fostering a love for reading.
- Support for number and maths work, developing language and basic skills.
- Help with school trips and off-site visits.
- Help when travelling to local sports events and activities (particularly if you are a qualified first aider!)
- Help to tidy and clear garden and pathways in the school and help with basic maintenance on a regular basis.

We are also desperate to hear from anyone who would be willing to work as a volunteer librarian. Ideally you would have librarian skills but if you haven't, we would be more than happy to train you to operate our online library system, to help the children access the library, choose appropriate books, return them and then for you to work with our Year 6 library leaders to re-shelve books regularly. At the moment, due to staff shortages, we are really struggling to get our library up and fully functioning again so any help would be greatly appreciated.

If you feel you would be able to help out then we would be really thrilled and excited to hear from you. The only thing we ask is that, if you volunteer, that you are able to consistently give your time. It is really difficult for staff if a volunteer comes one week then not the next as it makes it hard for the children and difficult to plan for. We would rather you under promise and over deliver! Obviously, as a volunteer there may be times when you are unable to fulfil your role but we would ask that you be as consistent as possible.

A voluntary role in school is a great way to get involved in the community, give something back and also a great first step in a new career pathway or change of role as Bransgore school often has opportunities for teaching assistants and also offers our own teacher training programme for those who already hold a degree.

If you feel you would like to help out then please copy and paste the text below and send it in an e-mail to <u>admin@bransgore.hants.sch.uk</u> and we shall be in touch.

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Please note that some positions of volunteering will require a DBS check. We will be in touch if this is necessary.

I should like to volunteer to help out as a Bransgore Learning Hero!

I would be happy to help with (please delete those you don't fancy and leave those you do!)

- Helping to run the school library.
- General classroom help for the teacher, organising resources, cutting out, making displays and tidying.
- Listening to readers and helping pupils close the gap in their phonics and comprehension/ fostering a love for reading.
- Support for number and maths work, developing language and basic skills.
- Help with school trips and off-site visits.
- Help when travelling to local sports events and activities (particularly if you are a qualified first aider!)
- Help to tidy and clear garden and pathways in the school and help with basic maintenance on a regular basis.
- Gardening with small groups of children

I am able to consistently offer the following days/times every week during the term:

Thank you so much for your help and support,

Mr. Brown