

Castlebar welcomes volunteers to assist the staff and pupils on our special learning journey. Volunteering, although a mutually reciprocal benefit is primarily facilitated for the interest of the pupils at Castlebar. This means a volunteer will only be accepted onto the programme if the placement has a direct benefit for the young pupils at Castlebar.

Volunteers must apply to participate in the volunteer programme. They must:

- Complete a short application form
- Come for a short interview
- Read information about the school, including the school website
- Adhere to the schools Safeguarding policy and protocols
- Agree to the statutory background checks required for those who work with children

Volunteers will have an initial induction meeting.

All Volunteers are subject to an initial 6 week probation period, at which point they must have agreement from the school to continue volunteering. A Senior Leader/Senior Officer must sign off any further volunteering after 6 weeks.

All Volunteers must specify the amount and regularity of time they are prepared to offer. This must be committed and adhered to. The pupils at Castlebar do not respond to inconsistency and adults must commit to a consistent approach whatever their allocated roles.

The school is committed to supporting volunteers and understands that time must be given for all new volunteers to settle in. However if the school leader does view the volunteer placement as unsuccessful at the end of the probation (or at any time thereafter), the school retains the right to terminate the placement.

All volunteers are subject to school protocol and policies, including Safeguarding and Confidentiality protocols. NO PICTURES OR MENTION OF SCHOOL AND / OR PUPILS ARE ALLOWED ON ANY SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

Please read the information below and if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask them. We wish all Volunteers well in their placement at Castlebar School.

Yours sincerely

Paul Adair

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Head Teacher

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Miss Melanie Hogan

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