



Chapter One

Sample recruitment email for Volunteer Coordinators

Help a child to read by volunteering with Chapter One!

We are excited to be partnering again this year with the charity Chapter One to bring you an **online volunteering opportunity** to use 30 minutes of your week to make a direct impact on the lives of disadvantaged young children.

This is **flexible, time-efficient, rewarding** volunteering that is **simple** to do!

A child who can read is set up for life. Not because they do better at school, but because they are happier and more confident. But **38% of 11-year-olds from disadvantaged backgrounds in England leave primary school unable to read English well**, leaving them a full nine months behind their peers. The disruption to schooling caused by the pandemic, compounded by the cost-of-living crisis, has been devastating for many of these children, who have now fallen even further behind with their reading.

But Chapter One is changing the story... Please consider getting involved and help improve a child's life chances!

How does it work?

- You'll be paired with a primary school pupil aged 5-7
- You and your paired pupil will enjoy a **weekly 30-minute online reading session** via the secure Chapter One platform.
- Chapter One will support you through the safeguarding (background) checks and will give you some training
- Your commitment is for an **entire academic year** (autumn to July - approx 25 sessions), so you can see your pupil grow in confidence and flourish

Watch [this video](#) or visit the [ChapterOne website](#) to learn more!

Volunteering in English schools - DBS required

If you are volunteering in England, all volunteers require an Enhanced Government DBS check as this is a legal requirement for volunteering with children in schools. [Please see the list of accepted documents](#) that will be required to proceed with the DBS application. If you have volunteered with Chapter One before, your DBS certificate lasts two years. If you have your own Enhanced DBS certificate, Chapter One can only accept this if you subscribe to the [Government DBS Update Service](#).

Volunteering in Scottish schools - PVG required

If you are volunteering in Scotland, all volunteers require an Enhanced PVG check as this is a legal requirement for volunteering with children in schools. [Please see the list of accepted documents](#) that will be required to proceed with the PVG application. If you have volunteered with Chapter One before, and were previously matched with a pupil in Scotland, you will not be required to complete another PVG check. If you have a previous PVG from working with a different organisation, an update will be required that Chapter One will arrange. If you have volunteered with Chapter One before, and were previously matched with a pupil in England, you will have had a DBS check. Therefore, a PVG check will be required for you to be matched with a pupil in Scotland.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the next school year, please get in touch with me.