



**Every Child Our Future is helping change children's lives in Jersey by improving their reading skills.**

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# How you can help

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## You can help get all Jersey's children reading

Reading and writing are fundamental skills that most children master easily. But, without these basic skills children can face daunting hurdles at school and in later life.

In Jersey almost 20% of children in States schools are not reaching expected basic levels of literacy and in a number of schools it is nearer to 30%.

When children fall behind, evidence shows they stay behind. Children with low literacy levels often have low self-esteem, become

disengaged and have poor attendance at school. They are also more likely to find employment challenging later on.

Many of the children we support are from disadvantaged families or have English as an additional language.

But with your help they can catch up. By reading with the children each week you will see their confidence grow and help them get back on track.

“We have been truly touched by the difference that we have seen in these children. They have gone from being quiet and withdrawn to being truly confident readers and really looking forward to the sessions with Every Child Our Future”. **Corporate Volunteer.**



# Our support

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We support children struggling to read with the level of help that best suits their needs, ranging from providing specialist teachers and teaching assistants to trained and committed volunteers.

Our volunteers commit to listen to children read on a one to one basis and to make reading fun for one hour per week during term time.

Our volunteers are given training and inductions before they start reading with the children in schools.

With your support, we can help children become sufficiently literate to enable them to fully access the curriculum at both primary and secondary level.

“The aim of Every Child Our Future is to enable 95% of children in Jersey to reach their age related standards in literacy and numeracy at Key Stage 2 through providing early intervention in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.”

**Nick Kershaw, Director of Every Child Our Future.**



# Frequently asked questions

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## What do volunteers do?

Volunteers commit to reading with children in school for sessions of one hour each week at the same time during term time. You can share the responsibility for a session with a colleague or friend so that there is somebody to read with the children at the same time each week.

## How long do volunteers spend with the children?

You will spend about 15 to 20 minutes with each child and will see three or four children each week. You are likely to see the same children for a period of time to help them fulfil their potential.

## Where and when does the reading take place?

The reading takes place during term time in the school's open group areas such as libraries, group areas and foyers and you will never be left alone in a closed room with the children. We can arrange the time of the reading sessions to suit both you and the school.

## What training and support is provided?

You will be invited to attend a training session run by the States Education Training Officer which will provide you with the knowledge and skills required to go into school to read with the children. Training sessions are held at Highlands from 6.30pm until 7.45pm and we will let you know the dates. You will be invited to a further induction at the school itself. Please note that you will need to be DBS checked (police checked) but we will support this process.

“When I started this I was not a good reader ..... Now I am!”

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