

FAQs for Canteen Volunteers

WHEN ARE CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED?

Currently, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am-11am.

It's best if you can make a regular commitment, whether weekly, fortnightly or monthly. It helps you get into a routine and gives the canteen more reliability.

WHAT'S THE VIBE LIKE INSIDE THE CANTEEN?

It is busy but friendly with plenty of laughs - it's NOT Gordon Ramsey's Hell's Kitchen!

We work as a team, with everyone clear on what they are doing and free to ask questions as they work. We must achieve the 10.50am deadline, so there is lots of checking on where everyone is up to as the morning progresses. From around 10.30am the pace ramps up and by 10.45am we get a great sense of achievement when the children start arriving at the door to collect their orders.

Canteen helpers are welcome to take a free drink from the fridge (or a snack if they prefer) at any time during the morning.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Having a quick chat with the Canteen Manager beforehand can help us work out where you'd be of most help. We want you to feel comfortable, not anxious about what you are doing.

WHAT TASKS COULD I DO WHEN I VOLUNTEER?

1. *MAKING SANDWICHES/WRAPS AND SALADS*

We always need one person dedicated to this task. This involves:

- Laying out all the ingredients (bread, margarine, salad ingredients, ham, etc)
- Being systematic so you put the right ingredients in each sandwich
- Adding hot chicken tenderloins to sandwiches where required
- Toasting some of the sandwiches (in a sandwich press) as required
- Wrapping and packing the finished sandwiches into class baskets

2. *LABELLING LUNCH BAGS AND DRINKS*

- sticking labels onto paper bags and drinks
- sorting them into class groups / baskets

3. *PREPARING SNACKS such as:*

- Collating veggie sticks into zip lock bags
- Cutting oranges into quarters and putting into zip lock bags
- Putting together portions of cheese and crackers into zip lock bags
- Squeezing fruit puree into yoghurt cups
- Taking other snacks out of the freezer/fridge as required
- Making popcorn (with a popcorn machine) and scooping into bags

4. *PACKING LUNCH ORDERS, CLASS BY CLASS*

- Reading labels on paper bags and filling them with the right items (hot food and hot/cold snacks), adding a spoon/fork to bags as needed
- Sorting labelled drinks into class baskets

REMINDER

Canteen volunteers must always have their WWVP card on them and must sign-in at the front office and in the canteen.