

Volunteer role: Sunday School leader

Who is eligible? Anyone who is baptised and a committed Christian can apply to be a Sunday School leader. You must of course be available most (but not necessarily all) Sundays from 8.45am. Eligibility is confirmed via the provision of a character reference and completion of the DBS process. Applicants who do have a previous conviction would not be ruled out automatically; but due consideration would be given to the nature of the conviction and the time elapsed. Applicants who have a disability are welcomed positively although, depending on the nature of the disability, there may be restrictions on the range of duties to be performed. Teenage applicants are also welcomed positively and they will have the status of 'teenage helper'. In all cases the parent of the teenager should speak informally to the Sunday School Coordinator in the first instance.

What skills are needed? If applicants have particular and relevant skills, for example, with art, crafts, music, drama or first aid, this will be helpful but no specific skills are required. Motivation is key and being able to create a happy and safe environment for the children. All applicants must be committed to a teamwork approach and be willing to work cooperatively and in line with set processes. You must enjoy working with children!

Training? It is recommended that all applicants spend some time in Sunday School as an observer before making a formal application to join the team. During the application process, all applicants must complete the Church in Wales online Safeguarding Training and become familiar with the Sunday School Risk Assessment and associated processes.

Role? The basic role is to supervise the children, encouraging and supporting them to participate in the set activities. Some children will need additional support. Over time leaders can take responsibility (if they wish) to plan and then lead lessons and much help can be available for those who want to do this. Sunday School is available for children from age 3 up to 11 and the children are split into three classes. Applicants are encouraged to specify an age preference.

Time Commitment? Sunday School operates from 9.00am alongside the All Age Service. We operate during term time only although during the school holidays, the Sunday School team may help to organise particular events or services (such as the Crib Service or Good Friday Children's Liturgy). Because we have a large team of mostly experienced leaders, it is not necessary for applicants to commit to attend every week - but it is expected to give advance notice of availability.

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