

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to be participating in a project called 'Start Small; Dream Big', a national pilot project to support us to develop a Career-Related Learning programme, linking careers across the curriculum.

As early as the age of six, children can adopt limiting stereotypes based on gender, ethnicity, and social background. Through encounters with employers, this programme aims to:

- ♥ Broaden children's horizons by meeting employer role models
- ☆ Increase awareness of the jobs available
- 💡 Raise aspirations and challenge stereotypes

We need your help! We want to introduce our children to a diverse range of careers and skills, so they leave us with broad-ranging aspirations and high expectations of themselves.

Get involved and become a 'Careers Volunteer'. Activities vary in duration from 20 minutes to a morning or afternoon. Your support will make a real difference.

Pledge your support using the form below:

1. My job is \_\_\_\_\_
2. My skills are in \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am interested in supporting (please tick all that apply)

Reception (aged 4 – 5)		Year 4 (aged 8 – 9)	
Year 1 (aged 5 – 6)		Year 5 (aged 9 – 10)	
Year 2 (aged 6 – 7)		Year 6 (aged 10 – 11)	
Year 3 (aged 7 – 8)			

4. I would be able to offer the following activity/activities (please tick all that apply)

Activity	Duration	Description	Able to support
Assembly Talk	15 – 20 minutes	Visit during an assembly to talk about your job/skills, demonstrate and answer questions	
Panel Q&A	20 – 30 minutes	Join a 'Guess My Job' assembly where children ask visitors questions to uncover your job/skills	
In-class presentation	15 – 20 minutes	Visit a year group to talk about your job/skills and answer questions.	

Teach the Teachers	30 minutes +	Help teachers develop their understanding of the local labour market and share your sector expertise through presentations/discussions with staff	
Challenge/Problem Solving	60 minutes	Work with a subject leader/class teacher to design and launch a challenge activity linked to the curriculum and your sector	
Careers Carousel/Speed Networking	60 minutes +	Share your job and industry with a small group of children. Children to then rotate throughout the hour to speak to several employers 10-minute presentation/questions repeated.	
Careers Fair	Morning/afternoon/whole day	Set up a stand and answer children's questions about your job and the work of your organisation	
Workplace visit	Morning/afternoon/whole day	Offer a visit for children to your workplace to look around your organisation and learn about what you do.	
Other offer		Details:	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact details: Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this survey to the school office.

Thank you for your offer to help. Your support will build our children's awareness of careers, and confidence in their skills and abilities.

We look forward to working with you to help our children start small and dream big!

Kind regards,

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