

Volunteer Role Specification

Role Title:	The Mental Health Kitbag – Early Minds Schools Volunteer – EYFS/ KS1/2
Department:	Children, Families and Young People
Date:	April 2024
Role Summary:	In this role you will be responsible for assisting our Children’s and Young Person’s Facilitator with the delivery of our EARLY MINDS programme to primary schools and other education settings in Suffolk.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Attend school visits, with the facilitator, to help set up, support and pack down workshops.
- Be confident working with small groups of children (clear instructions and guidance will be given)
- Reflect and report back to trainer at the end of the sessions – feedback on session, safeguarding concerns etc.
- *Optional - Attend Information Events, (e.g schools conferences, wellbeing fairs, careers events.)*

What we offer:

- Opportunity to attend the Your Needs Met sessions delivered in the schools, enabling you to develop your understanding of the Mental Health Continuum and the Emotional Needs and Resources model of mental health.
- The opportunity to be part of pioneering work supporting young people’s mental health.
- Training for the role and ongoing support working alongside qualified teachers.
- A role that enables you to get many needs met, especially meaning & purpose and achievement.
- Being part of a highly valued team of volunteers.

We need volunteers who:

- wants a committed but flexible volunteering role.
- wants meaning & purpose in their life, both from the impact of the work and by feeling valued for their contributions to the project
- values the benefits of educating young people in mental health and wellbeing.
- can travel to schools in Suffolk.

Days/hours for role: Term Time – various days/hours

Location: Primary Schools across Suffolk

DBS Check Applicable: YES - Enhanced

<i>Attributes</i>	<i>Essential Criteria</i>	<i>Desirable Criteria</i>
<i>Skills and Abilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good organisation and time keeping skills. • Confident working with children • Able to travel to different locations. • Good communication skills – able to relate to children. • Approachability • Flexible and able to think on your feet. 	
<i>Knowledge and Experience</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of appropriate language for use with young children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of mental health and wellbeing • An understanding of how to use questioning to promote deeper learning.
<i>Attitudes and Values</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliable • Willingness to help others. • Non-judgemental attitude • Chooses to use language to promote equality and inclusivity. • Calm and Kind 	

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