



Role Title: Education Assistant

Reporting to: Education Manager and Education Day Leader

Accountable to: Curator & Head of Learning and Chief Executive.

Purpose of Role:

Volunteer Education Assistants play a vital role in supporting the activities of the Learning Department at Weston Park. Around 7000 school children aged between 4 and 11 visit Weston every year to take part in indoor and outdoor curricular based activities. Education Assistants are required to participate in day activities with school groups, working alongside Volunteer Education Day Leaders.

Education Assistants are based within the activity rooms at Weston Park for indoor activities and are based around the Park and Gardens for outdoor activities.

Indoor activities are:

- Toy Making
- WWII Experience
- Santa Visits (during December)
- Workshops

Outdoor activities are:

- Pond Dipping
- Sensory Walks
- Plant Trails
- Costumed House Tours

Main Responsibilities:

- To help children with day activities alongside the Education Day Leader, including any making, dressing up or outdoor work.
- To be proactive in approaching, welcoming and assisting children and teachers with the activities, responding calmly and professionally to any unexpected issues that may arise.
- To assist the Education Manager with any preparation work for making activities, such as cutting card and making sure enough material is available for activity rooms when school groups arrive.
- To be aware of, and adhere to, all health and safety guidance in place for the benefit of yourself and those around you.
- To provide information about Weston Park and the facilities available.
- To be clean and enthusiastic at all times, dressing appropriately for the particular activity

Volunteer Specification

Skills and interests needed

- Good communication skills. Must be able work with children and adults effectively
- Excellent level of commitment and punctual for duty days
- Good level of stamina – activities require standing and walking
- Health and Safety aware.
- An interest in the educational activities that Weston Park has to offer
- Excellent level of commitment
- Be prepared to undergo a CRB check

Desirable knowledge

- A background in teaching and/or education
- Good knowledge of History

Hours of involvement

School group activities run from September to July, Monday to Friday. Volunteer sessions run from 9:45 until 2:30.

Requested hours of service:

We request a minimum of ten sessions per season. This can include help with schools, gardens, wildlife walks, conservation work, House duties and any administrative help (when requested).

Length of your commitment to us

The length of positions varies according to the circumstances of each person.