



URGENTLY REQUIRED



Swimming Volunteers

Greenside school is a Special School that caters for around 140 learners between 2 and 19 years of age who have a range of complex needs including: severe and profound learning difficulties, communication difficulties, autistic spectrum condition, physical difficulties, sensory impairments and complex medical needs.



All learners swim once a week in our warm water pool (advanced swimmers swim at a public Pool). Although independence is fully encouraged, most learners require 1:1 assistance to enable them to reach their full potential. Due to this we rely heavily on volunteers who can commit some time to a regular weekly session.

At Greenside we acknowledge our volunteers play an incredibly vital role to build and shape our learner's future development, progression, independence, safety, enjoyment and success. Our volunteers are often parents, Lunchtime staff, 6th formers, someone retired, or simply someone who feels they would like to give their time to help.

What can volunteering do for me?

- It is unbelievably rewarding, being part of their progress, enjoyment, smiles & laughter is a fantastic feeling
- Being part of the learner's success stories and achievements
- You are fully inducted, trained and supported
- You can build your experience and personal development by learning how to support learners, sign language/communication, safety awareness, progression, hygiene, encouraging independence, building trust, awareness of autism and complex needs
- Aids you with the experience to potentially apply for jobs in special need schools
- Working as part of a supportive team and gaining knowledge from other adults
- We offer courses: Moving & Handling, Signing, Safeguarding, Herts Steps



I am interested, what happens next?

1. Contact the Swimming Pool Manager (**Michael**) at Greenside: **01438 315356** or email: michael.levy@greenside.herts.sch.uk
2. Visit the school, have a tour and meet the Head
3. Watch a session to ensure this is what you would like to do
4. Complete an application and DBS (clearance to work with children)
5. Once the DBS is through, you are then invited to watch the class you may be assigned
6. Once the assigned class has been observed, you will commence training in the water

