**Group Support Volunteer**

**Service/Volunteer Base:** Chatteris **Volunteer’s Manager:** Senior Practitioner

**Purpose:** Our Care and Share groups provide a time when parents/carers who have children with a special educational need/disability can come together with their children, to gain support from each other and from our staff team.

There will be 2/3 volunteers in the group, supported by a Practitioner initially and then on a rolling basis once the group has been established. You will plan and deliver a range of suitable activities to the group.

**Commitment:** The group will be held at Chatteris Child and Family Centre on Fridays 9:30-11:30 term time. Due to the nature of the role, you should be able to commit to volunteering for a minimum of one year.

**Tasks**:

* Plan and deliver a range of suitable activities for SEND children (Initially with practitioner support)
* Organise set up of group and tidy room after each session
* Support parents to access allocated Child and Family Centre Family Worker
* Liaise with the Senior Practitioner and Practitioner to feedback any relevant information
* To work in accordance with Ormiston Families’ policy and procedure
* Advocate on behalf of Ormiston Families and promote our services

**Skills required:**

* An understanding/experience of working with children with additional needs
* Experience in delivering suitable activities to children
* Reliable and able to commit to the role
* A friendly and approachable manner, with a non-judgemental attitude
* Ability to maintain appropriate boundaries
* Excellent communication & listening skills

**Recruitment Procedure:** Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. You will be invited to attend an interview; if successful we require two satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check will be undertaken before you can begin the role. As an Ormiston Families volunteer you will be required to complete online courses including Child Protection and Data Protection, as well as Local Safeguarding Board training and any other training necessary to safely undertake this role.

**Benefits offered:**

* Comprehensive Induction, including tailored shadowing training programme
* Travel expenses up to 30 miles per day at 0.45p per mile
* Support from team of dedicated staff regular supervision sessions
* Reference after six months of volunteering
* Time credit vouchers
* Access to volunteer events, awards and other social events
* Gain valuable experience with the East of England’s leading children’s charity in a specialised field