

# WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



<b>Course title:</b> Practical Parent Helpers		<b>Course ID:</b> C3676790
<b>Start date:</b> 09/10/2019	<b>End date:</b> 18/12/2019	<b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Wed 18:30
<b>Number of sessions:</b> 10	<b>Hours per session:</b> 1.5	<b>Tutor:</b> Catherine Wilcock
<b>Additional hours:</b>	<b>Online Learning Hours:</b> 0	
<b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b>		
<b>Awarding body (if any):</b> <b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>		<b>Level:</b> Level 1
<b>Fee:</b> £.00 or <b>Free</b> if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)		
<b>Accreditation Fee</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Venue:</b> Luddendenfoot Community Centre, Station Road, Luddendenfoot, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX2 6AD		
<p><b>Theme(s):</b> The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.</p> <p><b>Employability</b> – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment</p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b> – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing</p> <p><b>Community Engagement</b> – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities</p> <p><b>Culture</b> – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Community Engagement</b></li> <li>2.</li> </ol>		

## Course Aim

To help parents understand the skills required by children to enable them to access the primary curriculum, leading to the parents becoming confident and competent volunteers in the primary classroom, and to increased confidence helping at home.

## Course Description

This course is for parents who would like to support their own children's learning, volunteer in school and progress onto the accredited Teaching Assistant course, with a view to working in schools. We will cover the basics of the current Primary Curriculum, including; Maths, English, Science and PSHE.

The course consists of 10 sessions, students will explore a range of practical activities they can use to help support children's learning in the above areas.

In addition, participants will also have the option to explore in-depth different aspects of the school curriculum, such as ICT, PSHCE etc, or benefit from the input of a visiting speaker.

Students will be encouraged to put into practice their ideas for supporting children's development and learning both at home and (possibly) as volunteers within a school.

### **Do I need any particular skills or experience?**

#### **What will I achieve?**

##### **By the end of the course I will be able to:**

1. List 3 practical strategies to support children's development in English.
2. Identify 3 ways children can develop their learning through play.
3. List 3 practical strategies to support children's development in maths.
4. List 3 practical strategies to support children's development in science.
5. List 3 practical strategies for encouraging children's social, emotional and behavioural development.

#### **What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?**

- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning

#### **What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?**

- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions
- A file of work will be kept which will help to record your progress

#### **What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?**

- Nothing else is needed
- All materials will be provided
- A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you
- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)

#### **Pre-course work, reading and information sources**

- No pre reading or pre course work is required

#### **Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)**

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- This course could lead to a range of job opportunities. Follow link to National Careers Service for more details <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>
- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member

- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>

## Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: [courseenquiries@wea.org.uk](mailto:courseenquiries@wea.org.uk)



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