

Our expectations

To make sure lessons go well, there are a few things we expect of parents/carers:

- Be at home when the lessons are happening. If an adult is not in the house, our tutors cannot teach. Please make sure you will be home at the time you have agreed.
- Tell our tutors if you have a new contact number or address. Please also tell your child's school.
- Don't expect the Jacari tutor to teach all your children. They are only trained to teach one child at a time.



Our volunteers are very busy and we have lots of children on our waiting list. If we cannot contact you, we will give your child's tutor to somebody else.

Trips and events

Jacari holds several free trips and events for children every year. These are brilliant opportunities for your tutor and your child to get to know each other better. In the past we have been ice-skating, to museums, and to a zoo. Your tutor will give you a permission slip to fill in for each event. Parents are welcome to come to events too!

Finding out more

You can find out more about Jacari on our website, www.jacaribristol.org. You will find a parents' section, and details of our safeguarding policy. If you have any other questions, contact the Coordinator.

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Information for Parents

Welcome

Welcome to Jacari!

You have been given this leaflet because a child in your care is going to be tutored by a Jacari volunteer. It contains important information about Jacari and how the lessons will work.

We hope your family will have a wonderful experience with Jacari. If you have any problems, please let us know.

What is Jacari?

Jacari is a charity based in Oxford and Bristol. We provide free home tutoring to children living in Bristol who do not speak English as their first language. We have around **50** volunteers who each teach for about one hour per week. The lessons should help to improve the children's language skills and build their confidence.

Who are Jacari tutors?

- Our tutors are volunteers. This means they do not receive payment for their work.
- They are students from the University of Bristol. This means they normally can only teach during term-time. Your Jacari tutor will tell you when he/she is going on holiday.
- They have attended a training session and are given teaching resources and help from Jacari.
- They have all passed an Enhanced DBS Check to certify they are safe to work with children.

Please note: this DBS check only covers the United Kingdom. For international students, we also ask for a Certificate of Good Conduct from their embassy and a character reference.

When will the lessons be?

Your Jacari tutor will text or phone you to organise the first lesson. You might also meet your child's tutor in school first so you can organise the first lesson then.

You can decide when the lessons will be, at a time and on a day that is good for you, your child and the tutor.

What is a Jacari lesson like?

- The tutor should greet you before they begin teaching your child.
- Jacari lessons should take place in a quiet area away from distractions if possible. The door to the room should be left open during the lesson.
- The lesson will last for an hour. Some tutors may be willing to stay longer, with your permission.
- The tutor will help your child to practise and improve their English. The lesson may involve playing games, doing worksheets and activities, and reading.
- The tutor should say goodbye to you at the end of the lesson.

