



Memorandum of Understanding April 2018

Between ASCEL and Beanstalk

Purpose

ASCEL (www.ascel.org.uk) is a national network of senior managers in Children's Public and Schools' Library Services. The aim of ASCEL is to lead excellence in library services for children and young people and schools so that:

- Every child and young person visiting a public library should be inspired by an exciting environment which makes reading for pleasure irresistible
- Every school has access to a high quality school library service

Beanstalk (<https://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/>) recruits, trains and supports volunteers to provide consistent, one-to-one literacy support to children aged 3 to 13 in education settings in order to improve their reading ability and confidence. Beanstalk one-to-one reading support helps to change a child's life by:

- Improving their reading ability
- Inspiring confidence in their own ability
- Increasing their enjoyment of reading

ASCEL and Beanstalk have a shared interest in working to increase a child's enjoyment of reading by encouraging children to practice and improve their reading and helping them to become confident readers.

We will work in partnership to improve children's enjoyment of reading.

The parties have agreed on the following:

- In agreement with regional Chairs the Chair of the National ASCEL Committee will provide the contact details of regional ASCEL Chairs to Beanstalk CEO
- Local Beanstalk representatives will develop contacts with local ASCEL representatives by attending a local regional meeting and meeting local Public Library and Schools' Library Service representatives
- ASCEL will work with Beanstalk to develop appropriate local offers and funding sources

- Opportunities for Beanstalk staff and volunteers to use libraries as meeting places for work, events and training will be explored at local levels
- Beanstalk and Beanstalk volunteers will work with ASCEL and local libraries to ensure children have access to the latest books, e-books, audiobooks, homework resources and support from local library staff
- Beanstalk and Beanstalk volunteers will raise awareness in school of local Schools' Library Services and how they can support teaching and learning in the classroom, the reading for pleasure agenda and the management and development of school libraries

Duration of the agreement:

The agreement will be reviewed annually.

Signed

Chair of National ASCEL.....*Sue Ball*.....Date.....*14/5/18*.....

CEO of
Beanstalk.....*Emily Lee*.....Date.....*14 May 2018*.....