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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **READING BOOKS – from school to home**

Thank you for your patience while we have carefully assessed children's reading levels.

Being away from 'normal' school provision for such a long time will have had wide and varied effects for individual children's reading levels. For some children, their reading levels will have remained the same, for others their reading levels will have changed. What is important on children's return to school, is that they are provided with reading books that are at an appropriate level – as this will promote the best possible progress.

As ever, we are calling upon parents/carers to support daily reading habits at home. We have designed safe arrangements to send reading books home with your child. Our new procedures, that will start this week for Years 1-6, are as follows:

#### **BOOK BAND READING SCHEME**

- On a Monday, all children who use the book-band reading scheme will bring home one or two books, depending on availability within each band. You may wish to lightly wipe the covers as they will have been handled by one adult at school that morning.
- Children will keep the book(s) at home to read from Monday evening until Thursday evening.
- **Each Friday morning all books, and yellow reading logs, MUST be returned to school** (please note that if books are not returned, your child will not be issued with books for the following week).
- Returned books and reading logs will go into a quarantine box in each class over the weekend and will not be touched by any children or adults.
- On Monday morning of the following week, the books will be taken out of the boxes, returned into the book stocks and the process will begin once again.

Please continue to record your child's reading in the yellow Reading Log. Please use the yellow Reading Log to comment on your child's reading; however, please do not use this as a means of communicating with the class teacher - as it will not be possible for these to be responded to.

#### **ACCELERATED READER SCHEME (for children who have progressed beyond the book band scheme)**



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Children who have progressed beyond the book band reading scheme will choose a book from our Accelerated Reader library.

An Accelerated Reader 'library day' has been assigned to pupils, during which they can visit the library (see below):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 3 – Miss McMahon	Year 3 – Mrs. Moyies	Y4 – Mr. Overton-Smith	Y4 – Mrs. Stanford	
Y5 – Mr. Morris	Y6 – Mrs. Robb	Y5 – Mrs. Overton-Smith		

- On their assigned 'library day', children can choose books from their levelled range. The books will only have been handled by your child/one adult but you may wish to lightly wipe the covers.
- Children should keep the book(s) at home to read until complete.
- When they have completed their book, children must return their book to school on their assigned library day (please note that if books are *not* returned on that day, your child will not be able to exchange books until their assigned 'library day' the following week).

Reading logs will be checked weekly. **Each Friday morning, all reading logs MUST be returned to school.** Reading logs will go into a quarantine box in each class over the weekend and will not be touched by any children or adults. After the weekend, reading logs will be taken out of the quarantine boxes, checked by class staff before being returned to pupils.

### **Book band reading scheme/Library book Amnesty**

We are aware that you may still have reading scheme/library books at home since before the lockdown. We would be very grateful if you could look for such books at home and return them to school on your child's book-return day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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