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Reading books

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to a number of queries regarding our school's process of changing home reading books, we wanted to clarify our home reading procedures in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In **Years 1 – 6**, every **Tuesday** your child will bring a reading book home to practise and consolidate key reading skills taught in English across the week. Please may we ask that you listen to your child read daily and record this in their reading diary.

In school, your child will also be exposed to a number of quality texts across the curriculum in order for teachers to assess their reading and comprehension skills.

Please ensure your child's reading book and reading journal is returned into school every **Friday** where they will be placed in quarantine.

If your child does not return their reading book on a **Friday**, then their new home reading book will not be sent home until the following week. We appreciate that some reading books (particularly for the older children) may take longer than a week to read and therefore their book should only be returned when they have finished reading it.

For **Reception classes**, your child will bring a new book home on a **Friday** and will need to return by the following **Tuesday**.

May we take this opportunity to confirm that since their return to school the children have been accessing a recovery curriculum. In the area of reading, the children are revisiting prior learning, accessing learning opportunities they were unable to access during lockdown and are rehearsing key reading and comprehension skills. This revisiting/consolidation is reflective in the reading books they will bring home.

Therefore, if your child brings a reading book that they have previously had this is to consolidate key reading skills.

We appreciate your support in this regard and encourage you to enjoy listening to your child read at home using a range of books.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S Horton
Headteacher