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Dear Parent/Carer

You will know that here at Hollingworth we place great emphasis on ensuring all our pupils read a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction books. This is because there is clear evidence that links practising regular reading with better mental health; wider knowledge and academic success.

In order to develop this even further, we are introducing a new reading programme for Year 7 and 8 pupils.

Your child will be bringing home a shared reading book. This book will remain the property of the school but your child is expected to bring this book into school each day. In school, your child will be reading the book with their tutor at least twice a week and we expect them read this book at home also. The book will change each half term, so that your child will be reading at least five new books a year.

We know that a child who reads for at least twenty minutes a night, five times a week, statistically is likely to be far more academically successful and so developing our reading programme in this way will help to secure success for your child.

During tutor time, your child will be read to by their form tutor and will be quizzed on their understanding of the book, so practising essential reading skills. At this point, your child's form tutor will check that they have been reading at home. This is essential homework, so if it is clear that they have not been reading, they will receive a red slip as per our usual behaviour policy. They are still also expected to keep an individual private reading book with them at all times.

We would appreciate you supporting this by ensuring that your child reads for the specified time. A full outline of what they should be reading each week will be available on the VLE.

Below are some suggestions for how you could support your child in reading:

- Listen to them read at bedtime, in the car, at the dinner table... anywhere.
- Ask them about the book they are reading. Find out the main character and where the book is set.
- Read a section of the book to your child and then get them to continue.
- Ask them about their quiz questions in tutor time. Find out how many they are getting correct. Ask them about what they are finding easy or difficult.

We hope you will support your child and us with this. If you have further questions, please contact me on the school number or email address below.

Please note: If your child is receiving Literacy Intervention this half term, their 'shared reading' will start next half term.

Yours faithfully



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