



Gaddesden Row JMI School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading is one of life's most essential skills. At Gaddesden Row School, we hope that all children will develop a love of books, enthusiasm for promoting their reading skills and grow to be confident, competent readers. As a parent or carer, you play a vital role in supporting your child's reading development, our partnership between home and school is essential for success with this life skill.

Your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book, which comes home from school. Reading is happening all the time in our classrooms and across school and the world. It is taught in English lessons but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

Below are our expectations for children's reading and returning of books:

- Every child will be given a zip wallet for them to bring reading books to and from school. These will be individually named and the school will pay for these.
- All children's reading books must be brought into school every day.
- Children are expected to read at home at least five times a week.
- An adult must sign reading records each time a child reads. These will be checked daily, and reading records can be used as communication between school and home.
- We are introducing a reward system in school linked to reading at home.
- Children reading a book that is **green level** or below are expected to read the book three times in order to develop understanding and fluency. Their book will be changed after this.
- Children reading a book that is **orange level** or above will have their books changed upon completion. (Please see attached book band list)

Lost reading books

As you are aware, reading books cost a lot of money to purchase and we need to be able to track books, which have been damaged or lost by children or at home. If your child does not bring their reading book to school during the week, they will be issued with a lost book letter and a reminder will be sent home to return the book. If your child for the second week still does not bring their book to school, another letter will be issued to the parent requesting a £5.00 fee to cover the cost of the book. Your

child will then be issued with a new reading book regardless (as it is so important children continue to read). The teacher will notify the office who will set up the fee on parent pay so payment can be made. If your child misplaces two separate reading books, then they will be required to keep their reading book in school and will not bring it home. If parents/carers do find the lost book, please take the book to the school office as they will take off the payable fee on parent mail.

Kind regards,

Mr Merriman

BOOK BAND COLOUR
LILAC
PINK
RED
YELLOW
BLUE
GREEN
ORANGE
TURQUOISE
PURPLE
GOLD
WHITE
LIME
BROWN
GREY
DARK BLUE
BURGUNDY
BLACK