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Dear parents,

Now that school has re-opened for pupils in selected year groups, we want to make sure that reading is promoted as much as possible. We have come up with plans to allow our pupils to experience reading books as normally as possible.

**Home readers** Your child will receive a new home reading book each week on a Monday and they will keep this book for a whole week. Children are asked to read 3 times a week if your child is in key stage 1 and 5 times a week if your child is in key stage 2. Please encourage your child to re-read the book if they finish it, as this is proven to develop children's confidence and fluency. The reason for pupils having less home reading books at the moment is to enable us to follow guidance on quarantining of books.

For the moment, please complete your child's diary when you read with them but school staff will not sign this diary when your child reads in school to avoid cross contamination. If your child would like to show their bubble teacher/TA their diary on a Monday, this is encouraged and teachers will award house points, stickers or give stamps for super home reading.

Whilst your child won't be changing their home reading book as often as usual, as a school we want to ensure they are encouraged to read as frequently as possible and therefore your child will read with a member of staff each day at school whilst they are in their bubble.

**Library** If your child is in nursery, reception, year 1 or the key worker group they will come home with a library book on their year group's library day and will be able to change it each week on their given day.

For pupils who are currently at home, please continue to use the resources (including Oxford Owl and Collins) as sign posted on our school website and Facebook page.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with your child's reading.

Kind regards,

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