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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Library books

We have created a system within school to allocate a box of age and interest appropriate books to each year group. The children will choose from this book box and will all bring a library book home by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

When your child is ready to change their library book, they will bring it back into school where it will be quarantined for 72 hours before being placed back in our library or being allocated to another child.

We would like your child to bring their library book to school each day for reading sessions within the school day.

If your child would like to read a specific book or author that we do not stock in school, we encourage them to request titles and we will endeavour to purchase these.

We will not be allowing children to bring their own books from home.

### Learning to Read Books

Children who are learning to read will also receive a book with a coloured sticker on the spine. We call these 'Book Banded' or 'Reading Scheme' books. Children who require one of these books will be provided with one by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Mrs Cockerill has spent time this week assessing children's reading according to our *Read, Write Inc* groups. Children who require *Read, Write Inc* will continue with this provision in class. The reading scheme book that your child brings home will link to the sounds that they are learning within their Read Write Inc group.

Prior to Lockdown, children would mix between classes and work in groups according to their reading ability. This academic year, children will still be grouped according to their reading ability but be taught by adults within their classroom.

### Reading Records

We have issued each child with a reading record. These have helpful information in the middle pages to show you the phonics your child will need to know and the tricky words that they will need to learn by sight.



Usually these would be collected in weekly but in order to avoid more items transferring between home and school, please can these only be sent in when you wish to change your child's reading scheme book. This will enable adults in school to know who the book belongs to and to check for any messages from you as parent to the teacher regarding your child's reading.

### Changing Reading Books

#### Year 1 and 2

Book Change boxes will be placed outside the classroom as they were prior to lockdown. Please place your child's reading book inside their reading record into the book box. This will enable class adults to know who the book belongs to.

#### Years 3, 4, 5, 6

Book Change boxes are available in the classroom for your child to place their book when they would like it changed. There is no need for your child to include their reading record.

We will quarantine any returned books for 72 hours before allocating these to another child.

### Parent/Carer support

All staff will be working hard in school to develop reading skills for all children and we are incredibly grateful for all of the reading support you have given your child during school closures.

Class teachers may request some additional help at home to reinforce what we are teaching in school to help your child to remember their sounds or key words so that we can get everyone back on track and reaching their potential.

It is important that your child receives a book that is the right level for them and is interesting so that they get pleasure from reading. If you have any questions regarding the books allocated to your child or your child's reading in general, please contact your child's class teacher via Seesaw or email the school office on [office@norwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:office@norwoodschool.co.uk) or [admin@norwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@norwoodschool.co.uk)

Thank you for all of your support.

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