



St Dunstan's Catholic School

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As we Grow With God, We Learn From Each Other

Monday, 24th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend.

We have recently reviewed our approach to home reading and considered the views you expressed in our recent parent questionnaire. As a result, we are making some changes to improve the availability of books that are available to our children.

1. So that all children have the opportunity to read books at home that are closely linked to their phonics stage, pupils are now able to take home the **Guided Reading book** they are reading in school with their teacher. This book will contain the most recent phonic focus and it will give pupils the opportunity to practise and become more fluent, being able to read the words automatically.
2. Each Monday, pupils will be issued with a new **Home Reading book**. Along with their reading diary, which will be placed in their book bag. They can read this book each evening at home place it back into their book bag so it can be **returned to school each day** – ready for the next reading lesson. Please remember to add your comments in the reading diary – they are very valuable to us. Be sure to give your child lots of opportunities to read and re-read the same book, as this is how they will develop fluency and confidence.
3. In addition to this book, pupils will also be able to take a **Free Reading book** of their choice home to enjoy. It doesn't matter if this is a more challenging text, we want all children to just enjoy books!!
4. Please remember that **E-Collins (Big Cat) books** are still available **on-line**, this gives pupils extra reading material at the same phonic level. Just access the website and add your username and password. [Collins Ebooks \(collinsopenpage.com\)](https://collinsopenpage.com) If you need a reminder, do come and see us.

Thank you for supporting us in developing your child's reading. Reading is our highest priority, as it is the key to accessing the whole curriculum.

Finally, if any books are lost or damaged, there will be a charge for a replacement book as these resources are essential and costly.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Mr Tehan

Headteacher