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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **READING TESTS START NEXT WEEK**

As the end of year assessments draw to a close, I write to inform you that the students have important reading-age testing taking place next week. These tests enable us to measure the progress that your child has made in their reading ability and to assess whether they need any extra support as they move further up through the school. The students will be tested in their tutor groups during the school day. Please communicate this to your child and stress the importance of their full participation. The results will be available to parents and students on the Go4Schools website before the end of the school year. Students may bring in and use their own headphones for these tests if they wish. For your information, your child's reading age should be in line with the actual age.

## **READ FOR SUCCESS: READING AT HOME FOR 20 MINUTES A DAY**

As you know, literacy skills and independent reading are very important to every child's success across all subjects. In school, we provide time for students to read during registration and weekly "Drop Everything and Read" sessions, with many more books available for loan from our library. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of encouraging your child to read at home. Our recommended reading lists are available for guidance on our school website (under 'Literacy News'). Please take time to choose books with your child that will interest them and encourage them to read for at least 20 minutes a day.

A wide selection of books is also available in your local library. The libraries are easy to join and there are staff there to assist you. Here is a list of those in Hackney:

- Hackney Central Library, 1 Reading Lane 020 8356 4358
- Homerton Library, Homerton High Street 020 8356 1690
- Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Lane 020 8356 2539
- Clapton Library, Northwold Road 020 8356 2539

If you wish to buy any books, there are many good online retailers that offer discounts, for example [www.thebookpeople.co.uk](http://www.thebookpeople.co.uk).

If possible, listen to your child read aloud or even read to them, or encourage other members of the family to do so: this is helpful at any age, but particularly if your child is an unwilling or struggling reader.

Many thanks for your support and please get in touch with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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