



Archbishop Ilesley Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Archbishop Ilesley your child takes part in the `Accelerated Reader` scheme that assesses your child's comprehension of books. Quizzes are taken once the book has been read and to secure a pass, a score of 80% must be achieved.

The Reading Agency foundation states that:

- Children who read books often at the age of 10 and above, and more than once a week at age 16, gain higher results in Maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.
- Studies have shown that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of self-esteem and a greater ability to cope with difficult situations. Reading for pleasure was also associated with better sleeping patterns

We, as a school, actively encourage your child to read daily for at least twenty minutes. This should be in a quiet space and free from any distractions. We track your child's reading age through testing and you can check your child's reading activity and quiz scores via Home Connect. Visit our school's homepage, **under the `Parent Hub` section** and click on **Home Connect**. **Your child's username and password for Accelerated Reader should be entered, which can be found in their school diaries.**

To ensure that our pupils progress with their reading, an Accelerated Reader clinic will take place once a half-term. Pupils will be invited and **attendance is compulsory**. If non-attendance occurs, then this will be escalated to a Senior Leadership Detention where pupils will be supervised reading. If your child is issued an SLT and you wish to discuss this further contact Ms Davies.

We thank for your continued support with Accelerated Reader. If you have any questions or queries, please do contact your child's English teacher in the first instance, then Ms Davies or Ms Maher.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Davies (AR and Whole School Literacy Lead) and Ms Maher (Librarian)

