

Keep on Reading!

Although our students are out of their usual classrooms and having to adapt to new routines and realities, we want to make sure that reading remains an important part of their every day routines. We want to support you to help your daughters keep on reading.

Reading every day will help students to maintain and develop their reading skills. This will be invaluable for their academic success in every subject. However, reading offers so much more: it can offer a welcome distraction from worries; it allows the reader to journey beyond the restraints being placed upon their lives and it opens their eyes to ideas and experiences which help them to better understand the world around them.

Ways you can support your daughter's reading

- Encourage your daughter to read at a regular time every day. They should aim to read for at least 20 minutes every day but at first they might want to read in two shorter sessions, especially if they are out of the habit of reading.
- Speak to your daughter about what she is reading. Even if you haven't read the book yourself, you can still ask her to explain what has happened, which characters she likes or dislikes. Speaking about the book will help your daughter to process what she has read. If she is not able to explain it, it will help her to realise that she needs to read it again more carefully.
- Speak to your daughter about books or stories which you enjoy now or enjoyed at her age. It really helps young people if they see that reading as an enjoyable habit.
- Encourage your daughter to find the way of accessing books which suits her and her needs at this time. She may use audiobooks as an alternative way of accessing books.
- Allow her to read a selection of books, including graphic novels or non-fiction; she may re-read an old favourite to find comfort.

Reading Resources

With the libraries and many shops closed, your daughter's usual ways to access books may not be available. However, at the moment there are many reading resources being offered for free! There is something for all tastes and all levels of readers so please encourage your daughter to explore the resources listed below and find books that they enjoy.

Borrow books from the library

If you haven't already signed up for the free online library services, sign up at:

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<https://www.researchify.co.uk/audiobooks.html> - This site has audiobooks but you also have the option to read the books yourselves.

Listen to authors reading their work

David Walliams: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses-catch-up/>

Cressida Cowell: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe01xn13M8q2dsIw0mvW9Ilg>

Read news and non-fiction texts

'The Day': <https://theday.co.uk/>

Username: egwf

Password: (see the English team)

First News: <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/>

BBC Newsround: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Explore activities based on reading and writing:

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-at-home>

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