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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Reading Books

We hope you and your families are well at this time.

We are delighted at how well Year 7 have settled into our Cardinal Newman family. To further support their transition, we have issued all Year 7 pupils with a reading book to ensure that they can develop their reading skills both inside and out of school.

Along with this, pupils have been given a Reading Log. This is part of their essential school equipment and should be kept in their Personal Organiser at all times. All pupils have been made aware that they are to have their reading book, reading log, and Personal Organiser out in every lesson when in school.

The Year 7 Pastoral Team will be setting a homework each week for students to complete a minimum of 40 minutes reading to a parent/carer. We kindly ask for your support in this, and that you sign the Reading Log each week when this is complete. Tutors will be checking the Reading Logs and signatures as part of their Personal Organiser checks weekly. Please use this as an opportunity to note down any successes in their reading, or any concerns you may have as they read to you.

Strategies for supporting reading at home are as follows:

- You begin by modelling the reading out loud
- Ask your child to continue the reading (minimum of 1 paragraph), you may then take back the reading (do this to build confidence if needed)
- Stop and pause after 'chunks' of text are read- discuss between you: what has happened? Who are the characters? What may happen next?
- Try to discuss the book around the home to encourage an interest in the book
- Encourage other wider reading opportunities via fiction texts or non-fiction texts (online newspapers etc)

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to continue to sign your child's Personal Organiser each week, along with their Reading Log. The Personal Organiser is the first method of contact between parent/carer and tutor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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