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Reading Books for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, Barr Beacon School advocates the vital importance of reading as a lifelong skill and as a skill that represents the cornerstone of pupil success when accessing every academic subject. Building this strong foundation, we encourage reading regularly throughout our curriculum including Read2Succeed with tutors every Thursday in form time, through challenging academic reading opportunities in all subject areas and, of course, within our English curriculum.

Research shows that reading for as little as 20 minutes a day has positive outcomes on attainment but also mental health and wellbeing too! Reading for 20 minutes a day means that pupils are exposed to over 1.8 million words a year. This in turn means development of vocabulary, improvements to self-expression and articulation as well as increased creativity and empathy.

We ask parents and carers to support this at home to create a positive relationship with books for your child. Please find out more on the reading area of our school website <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/reading/> and at this link: <https://bit.ly/3wbb06z>

We are writing to you now to ensure that you know that **having a reading book every day is part of your child's expected equipment list** that will be checked by the tutor as an essential item. Pupils will require this for 10 minutes reading at the start of every English lesson in Year 7 and 8.

Please support your child in selecting a book to read at school and ensure that they have it in their bags with them every day.

Our iCentre is available for your child to take books out of before and after school and they also have a slot every fortnight to visit the iCentre during their form time.

We thank you for your ongoing support. Please send any queries to postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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