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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading at Barr Beacon School

Barr Beacon School believe that reading is one of the most important skills we can develop in our learners. Reading opens doors to new knowledge, broadens horizons, develops imagination and helps learners to become confident, independent learners. Strong reading skills underpin success across the curriculum, not just in English, and play a vital role in preparing learners for future education, employment and life beyond school.

However, reading is about much more than academic success. We want our learners to develop a genuine love of reading and to discover the enjoyment, escapism and inspiration that books can offer. We know that parents and carers play a hugely important role in helping to establish positive reading habits, and we would encourage you to make time for reading at home wherever possible. This might mean sharing a book, listening to your child read, discussing a story, exploring a newspaper article or simply allowing time to enjoy a book of their own choice. Even talking about what they are reading can make a real difference.

We are fortunate to have our school library, located in the iCentre, which provides learners with access to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books. Learners are welcome to visit the library before school, during break times and after school to borrow books. We also have a comfortable, welcoming space where learners can sit and enjoy reading.
We encourage all learners to make regular use of this fantastic facility and to explore different authors, genres and subjects. Whether they enjoy adventure, fantasy, mystery, sport, history or factual books, there is something for everyone.

An important expectation at Barr Beacon School is that **all learners should have a reading book with them every day.** This allows learners to make the most of opportunities to read during the school day and helps us to embed reading as a normal and valued part of life. Please support us by ensuring your child brings a suitable reading book to school each day.

Our iCentre is open before and after school as well as at breaktime when pupils can make a selection from the current offer. We are always happy to receive recommendations too. Please encourage your child to let us know about their favourite authors.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Hibbs
Headteacher