



BARNARD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: **Mr. L. Walker** | Deputy Headteacher: **Miss J. Thompson**

Dear Parents,

As part of our constant drive to promote and develop children's reading, we are asking pupils in Key Stage 2 to come into school ten minutes early, at **8:40am each day**, to have some quiet, independent reading time up until the end of registration at 9:00am. This will start on **Monday 17th September**.




During this time, not only will children be building their 'reading miles' (the time they spend reading each day) but it will also increase the amount of time that teachers in school have to listen to them read.

Reading is singularly the most important subject in school – strong reading is the key to success in all other academic subjects.

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to take part in these reading sessions, we will be opening the doors from 8:35am each day for children to make their way to their classes ready to start reading at 8:40am.

This will form part of a 'soft start' to the day: rather than the whistle blowing at 8:50am as it usually does, children will make their way straight into school when they arrive on the yard.

We hope we can count on your support with this new initiative as we know it will have a positive impact on children's reading and wider education. Of course, reading at home is still just as important as it has always been so this is additional to that rather than replacing it...

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		



We are also working on widening children's **vocabulary** in our reading lessons – look at the difference just **20 minutes daily reading at home** makes...

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely,
Miss J. Thompson

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THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

„A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.”
(Chinese Proverb)

exercises your brain

i provides knowledge and information



books are a good topic of conversation

reduces stress, puts you in a better mood

better writing skills

great and free entertainment

improves concentration and focus

enriches the language and vocabulary

correlation
ambivalence
confabulation
hermeneutics
Kafka
misalliance
procrastination
decadence
confused
turtledove

develops creativity



books pose questions to stimulate further reflection

good for memory

books are a window to the world

increases your ability to empathize with others

introduces to the unknown fantasy world

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