

Dear Parent/Carer,

'It's not too much of a stretch to say that getting children to read and enjoy reading is one of the most important things that we should be doing.'

Here at Oldbury, we will encourage your child to read as widely as possible. It is our expectation that all children have a reading book with them at all times. Developing a love of reading is vital to your child's success ensuring they have a book of their choice is key to this. Some reasons why reading can help your son/daughter in ALL aspects of their education:

- Builds knowledge
- Improves achievement
- Increases motivation
- Increases vocabulary
- Improves writing
- Builds background knowledge
- Develops personal identity

Reading is an integral part of your child's success at school and in their lives beyond. Whilst pupils will be reading at school, it is important that they read for at least 30 minutes every day in their own comfortable surroundings, be it reading to someone or independently.

Therefore, it is our expectation that you will ensure your son/daughter is reading both a text they enjoy and for the required amount of time.

If you need any support or guidance on this please do not hesitate to e-mail me at [sophie.martin@oldburyacademy.org.uk](mailto:sophie.martin@oldburyacademy.org.uk)

'Finally, if you are in a position where providing reading opportunities is possible, never, ever, let that precious time slip away. There's nothing more important that can't wait. Let them read.'

Make I take this opportunity to thank-you for your support,

Yours faithfully,

*S. Martin*

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