

Our Ref: JRI/LRC

Date: 12th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Accelerated Reader is a program designed to boost achievement in literacy and across the curriculum. It does this by encouraging students to read regularly at exactly the right level, and by carefully monitoring every student's individual progress. As a result student reading ages are boosted more quickly than normal.

All students are currently in the process of completing a short online reading test (STAR Reading Assessment) and this matches them to a range of books exactly the right reading level – they then practice and consolidate their reading.

Pupils will be informed of their reading level and encouraged to access the LRC during certain English lessons, break & lunchtimes and before & after school. Our LRC has a wide range of books which have been labelled so that pupils can find reading material at their appropriate reading age. Students should keep their chosen AR book with them at all time.

As soon as students finish a book, they take an on-line quiz which provides instant feedback. This allows staff to monitor progress and tailor their support. Pupils are aiming to achieve 85% or above in each quiz they take. The higher the percentage scored, the more they have understood the text. Students who achieve 100% will automatically be entered into a prize draw which will be drawn each half term.

All students will read quietly for the first 5 minutes of each lesson but are encouraged to read outside of these times and of course at home. Students will be able to quiz and change their books during English lessons.

The more a student reads the better! We would like parents and carers to support us by ensuring that you see your child reading their Accelerated Reader book at home for at least 20 minutes per day.

Within our LRC, we do have a range of books that are classified as UY (Upper Years) this would be a similar rating to PG. These books may contain more adult themes such as moderate violence or be of a moderately sexual nature.

Students will not be able to access these books without your consent Please complete and return the attached reply slip to the LRC by Monday 1st October 2018.

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I give consent for _____ (student name) to read books from the Upper Years section of LRC.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____