

12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: Book Donations and NGRT Testing**

Thank you for your support in supporting our pupils to develop strong reading habits. All pupils are now supported to bring their reading books to school and are given time and guidance to develop their reading skills. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read at home to develop their reading fluency.

As part of our continued focus on reading for pleasure, we are asking for book donations to support our libraries in both the Primary and Secondary phase. These books will help us to develop classroom libraries, to offer a wider choice of texts for pupils, and to improve our school environment by surrounding pupils with reading material. If you are able, please bring donations to school. Mr McDermott and I will be happy to receive these from form tutors or class teachers.

Finally, the Summer Term is when we test the reading ages of all pupils. In June, pupils will be tested using the New Group Reading Test (NGRT). This is an online test that assesses reading comprehension. The test lasts for approximately 30 minutes, and the online system adapts the questions based on the responses of each student. Pupils do not need to prepare for this assessment, but are reminded that this test is hugely important for us to be able to provide the correct level of intervention and support for their reading needs. Please support us by reminding your child of the importance of the online NGRT test.

We will share reading ages on reports, but if you have any further questions in the meantime please feel free to contact me at [k.walpole@bournville.fmat.co.uk](mailto:k.walpole@bournville.fmat.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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