



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Reading for Pleasure Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This policy reflects the nature of reading for pleasure in the school. It also reflects the consensus of opinion of the whole staff and has been approved by the Governing Body.
- 1.2 This policy outlines the purpose, nature and management of reading for pleasure.
- 1.3 The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Headteacher and all the teaching staff, including teaching assistants.

2. The Nature of Reading for Pleasure

- 2.1 At Barrowby Church of England Primary School, we believe that children deserve a rich curriculum which encourages extensive reading of whole books and other kinds of text.
- 2.2 We believe that active encouragement of reading for pleasure is a core part of every child's educational entitlement, whatever their background or attainment because we understand that extensive reading and exposure to a wide range of texts can make a huge contribution to their educational achievement.
- 2.3 We aim to promote the concepts of reading for 'fun', 'enjoyment' and 'pleasure' therefore we ensure that we include a range of 'real books' within the Curriculum for English, as well as many opportunities for sustained reading from a range of other self-chosen fiction and non-fiction texts from our school library/resource room alongside our school's Oxford Reading Tree scheme.
- 2.4 We believe that all staff should be 'reading role models' and we ensure that adults share their favourite texts with children as an integral part of lessons, story time, assemblies, book fairs and themed weeks. Staff also have a dedicated 'book swap' area in the staff room, where they are encouraged to bring in books and exchange them.

3. Entitlement

- 3.1 Every classroom has a dedicated 'reading corner' which the children are often involved in designing and selecting resources for (such as ipads, audio and interactive stories). This provides the children with a comfortable area in which to read for pleasure. We also ensure that we offer the children a range of books related to their current topics.
- 3.2 Great care is taken to ensure that the school library is regularly updated, thus providing Barrowby children with a cosy, informative and accessible place in which to browse and select a wide range of books for different purposes including using the non-fiction section to further their interest/understanding. Classes also regularly use the library 'story time' area for stories at the end of the day.

3.3 Children can use Junior Librarian (our cataloguing and loaning system) to take books from the library and to research stock.

4. Implementation

4.1 From their Reception year, children at Barrowby are provided with opportunities to borrow books of their own choosing to take home and share with their families, from the library or classroom.

4.2 At Barrowby School, we also actively promote reading partnerships between children of different ages; providing opportunities for older children to share books with younger children.

4.3 A large collection of book themed 'story sacks' with props for role play have been created and are stored in the library and are accessible to children.

4.4 Children across all ages are actively encouraged to recommend and bring in a wide variety of books from different genres for story time.

4.5 Barrowby School holds an annual Scholastic Book Fair week during the Autumn Term, which is actively supported by FOBS (Friends of Barrowby School) and is extremely popular with parents and children. As a result of this support, our school receives a substantial amount of money to purchase more books for classrooms.

4.6 At Barrowby School, we arrange book, author or genre themed weeks and often compliment these with visits from authors and/or poets.

4.10 During the Autumn Term, a Foundation Stage Curriculum Meeting is held to inform parents of Reception children of our reading philosophy and practice and also ways in which they can support the school with reading for pleasure at home.

4.11 The school library is managed by Y5 and Y6 librarians. They issue and return book and catalogue new stock. In addition, the library is opened each lunchtime so that KS2 pupils browse our extensive collection of books, loan items and enjoy looking at books together.

5. Background Documentation

National Curriculum 2014

6. Review

This policy is reviewed by the Head teacher, staff and Governors in accordance with Barrowby School's Policy and Review Cycle for approval by the Full Governing Body, every 3 years.

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Next review: November 2026