



## Barrowby Church of England Primary School

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take a moment to remind you of the importance of regular reading at home and the vital role you play in supporting your child's learning journey.

As part of our school expectations, children should be reading aloud to an adult at home at least three times a week for around 15 minutes per session. These reading sessions should be recorded in their reading records and signed by an adult. Unfortunately, we've noticed that many reading records are not being completed consistently, and this is a concern.

Reading is the foundation of all learning. Research shows that children who read regularly with an adult at home are significantly more likely to succeed academically. Statistics show that:

- Children who read for pleasure are five times more likely to achieve above-average results in English and Maths at age 11.
- Just 15 minutes of reading a day exposes children to over 1 million words a year, dramatically improving vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence.

The Education Endowment Foundation reports that parental involvement in reading can boost a child's progress by up to 4 months over a year.

We know life is busy, but these small, consistent moments make a huge difference. Reading together not only strengthens literacy skills but also builds a love of stories, curiosity, and connection.

What we need from you:

- Please ensure your child reads aloud to an adult at least three times a week.
- Each session should be around 15 minutes.
- Record the reading in their reading record book and sign it.

Let's work together to give every child the best possible start. Your support at home is not just appreciated—it is essential.

Thank you for your continued support, trust and understanding. Together we can make a difference.

Yours Sincerely

Mr L Batey  
Head teacher

