

An update about Home Reading during Covid-19

Can parents please return all reading folders and books to school by Thursday 15th October?

Books and folders will be quarantined safely before the October half term. Our aim is to send every child home with home reading books for the half term holiday.

We would appreciate your support with this as we are very short of home reading books at the moment as the books were sent home with children as we went into lockdown.

Reading together is a wonderful opportunity for you to work and support your child, sharing new worlds and experiences is one of the best gifts you can give them.

In light of this, we have worked hard to try to make sure that children have the opportunity to take books home to share -In these times however, **we have to keep mindful of government guidelines for schools on reducing risk, so this is our solution:**

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- ❖ *The children will then bring a **new book home on each Friday**, to be returned again the following Tuesday. Guidance for schools' states that books must be quarantined for 72 hours before re-use.*
- ❖ *To continue developing the children's love of reading, your child will take home 2 books.*
 - *One book will be suited to their reading ability and your child should be able to read this book fairly independently*
 - *The second book will be chosen by your child from one of our libraries. This may be more challenging and will be ideal for you to read together.*
- ❖ *When the **folders and books are returned to school on Tuesdays** they will be placed in a class box as they enter the school and then they will be quarantined. Staff will then change the books each Friday*
- ❖ *Don't forget your child's teacher will be assigning additional online reading resources on the Rising Stars website specifically for your child to read while their books are in school.*
- ❖ *Feel free to continue to read any other books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets or anything else which interests you and your child!*

We know that children learn to read by reading, reading and more reading and so we are keen to get everybody back into the routine of taking books home regularly to supplement the daily reading taking place in school.

Teachers are continually re-assessing your child's reading and will make any changes /swaps where necessary as time goes by.

In the meantime, there is a 'Reading with your child at home' page on our website for extra support with home reading. <https://oliprimary.co.uk/curriculum/reading/reading-at-home/>

Once again, we thank you in anticipation of your vital support

From all the Staff of OLI