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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Accelerated Reader**

Last year we launched a new way of reading at Outwood Academy Danum called Accelerated Reader. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about our new programme and how it works in our school.

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that will help to develop your son/daughter's independent reading. It works in quite a simple way; your son/daughter will pick a book at their own level, and when finished will take a short quiz on the computer within a day of completing the book. If your son/daughter can pass a quiz (85%) about what they have read, this tells us that they have fully understood the content of their book and allows us to monitor their individual progress.

All students in year 7 and 8 have recently undertaken a short reading test that has assigned them a reading band (or Z.P.D.) and a reading age. Your son/daughter will now be able to select a book from our library that falls within their range. This reading band will guide your child towards choosing books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating. The aim is for them to pass the quiz and be successful.

All of our Accelerated Reader books in school have been newly labelled and put into colour bands that will further help guide students in choosing a book. One of the best parts about using Accelerated Reader is that your son/daughter can choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This will hopefully make reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

As a part of our reading programme we ask students to read at home independently and/or to an adult on a daily basis. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping your son/daughter to do this, as ultimately the reading practise that students gets outside of school contributes greatly towards them becoming a confident, successful reader.

Finally, it is important that all students bring their reading book to school every day and monitor their progress in their Accelerated Reading booklet. I am sure that your son/daughter will be able to discuss their reading age and reading band (Z.P.D) with you, to help you further understand this excellent programme.

Many thanks for your support.



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