

HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Parent / Carer,



All pupils in Years 7 and 8, and some in Year 9, have had their reading age tested. This helps the school see how they're doing with their reading skills.

"Reading age" shows if a child's reading skills match what is expected for their age. At Holy Trinity, we use both paper and online test to see how each student is doing and if anyone needs extra help with reading.

Good reading skills are important for keeping up with lessons and preparing for the future. These lessons take place in the. library

If a student needs extra help, they join small groups (up to 4 students) a few times a week, and their progress is checked every 6 weeks.

All Year 7 students have Reading and Literacy lessons where they read books and practice spelling, punctuation, and writing.

Teachers help with reading in other subjects too. The school library is open every day at break and lunch, and students can borrow books.

Here are some ways you can help your child at home:

- 1. Encourage your child to visit the school library and borrow a book.
- 2. Remind your child to read for a few minutes in a quiet space (they can also read in the library during break and lunch).
- 3. If you buy a newspaper or magazine, encourage your child to read some stories.
- 4. Talk to your child about the book they're reading or the news.
- 5. The more types of reading a child does, the better. So, if you're using a manual, recipe book, TV guide, football program, letter, email, or takeaway menu, encourage your child to read with you or read aloud for you.

If you would like to know more about your child's reading age or discuss anything related to reading, please contact Mrs. Dolan by email at

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