



**St. Gerard's Catholic School**



**Reading with your  
KS1 child.**

We hope this booklet will help you with some of the questions you may have about reading with your child.

Sharing a book with your child will help to make it an enjoyable experience.

When should you read together?

Choose a time when you can both be relaxed and able to read in a quiet place.

Try to make it the same time each night.

How often and for how long?

About 10 - 15 minutes each day.

Reading every word correctly is not essential providing it still makes sense. If the mistake does not make sense, stop and ask your child to think about what has just been read, or say the new word quickly.

Give plenty of praise, never get cross if mistakes are made, just quickly correct anything that is wrong.

We all make mistakes when reading out aloud. Reading should be fun. If you need help or advice please ask a teacher.

Look at the pictures as you read, talk about them, and discuss the book when it is finished.

Encourage your child by saying "Well done", when they attempt a difficult word, or correct a word themselves.

A book is often a story, talk about the pictures and the story. Sometimes take it in turns to read a page each.

Sometimes the book will give you words to focus on or questions to ask about the story.

It is good if other members of the family (Dad, older brothers and sisters or grandparents) share a story with your child.

If your child is finding the reading time difficult, tell them that you are pleased to have this special time together. Sit closely beside one another and have a cuddle if it is proving difficult or rather tiring.

Join the local library. Enjoy reading the books together.



Thank you for your support.

## **Do's**

Do give lots of praise.

Do find a quiet place to read.

Do try to read every day.

Do ignore mistakes if it doesn't change the meaning.

Do stop if either of you gets fed up or angry.

Do fill in or help your child to fill in their reading diary.

Do talk to us about your child's reading.

Do enjoy reading with your child.

## **Don'ts**

Don't have the T.V. on at the same time.

Don't get cross or shout.

## **Suggestions for useful comments in the reading diary.**

- He is getting used to reading past a word he doesn't know and then coming back to work it out.
- She read silently and only asked for help with the words \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- He is good at making guesses using the letters at the start of a word but doesn't always understand the story.
- She read all of the book and then retold the story in her own words.
- He was stuck on the word \_\_\_\_\_ but could read \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- She is good at looking at the beginning of a word for clues but sometimes needs reminding about the ending.
- He could answer lots of questions based on the story.
- She could find lots of wow words such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ used by the author.
- When reading he attempted to use different voices for the characters.

New reading diaries are available if your child has lost it at a cost of £1. If your child completes a reading diary a new one will be provided at no cost.

