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Monday, 25th February 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Daily reading at home – 30 minutes per day

As you are aware, reading is one of the most important skills that we develop in life and we are working very hard to ensure that our students develop these skills during their school day. Research indicates that children and young peoples' reading skills develop further from the support they receive at home by: reading regularly; parents and carers showing an interest in their child's reading; purchasing or borrowing books for the home and visiting their local library regularly. We are asking that your child commits to reading for a minimum of 30 minutes per day. There have been changes in the demands of GCSEs and the GCSE exams are written with a reading age of 16 years old, students who are below this reading age at the time of sitting their exams will find the exams more challenging. Aside from the GCSE expectations, there are many benefits to reading at home, it supports:

- ✓ Literacy skills: reading, writing, listening & speaking
- ✓ Relaxation & mental wellbeing
- ✓ Focus and concentration
- ✓ Development of general knowledge, interests & curiosity
- ✓ Bonding as a family

We are confident that you will encourage your child to read regularly at home and consider including 30 minutes of reading time as a daily homework task. We know that many of you already include this in your daily routine at home. As a general reminder, please ensure that your child has a reading book to take to school with them every day and encourage them to visit our school library regularly. Additionally, please check your child's reading progress on page ten of their school planner.

Lastly, we have included websites and local library information overleaf that you will find useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information or support.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Lee
Literacy Coordinator



Md. G Morris
Librarian



Useful websites:

Is your child's reading book within their reading zone? Check here:

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk>

For book suggestions, recommendations and reviews:

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Enfield libraries webpage and contact details:

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/libraries/>

Hub libraries

Opening hours

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Edmonton Green Library 36-44 South Mall Edmonton N9 0TN Tel: 020 8379 2610	9am - 7pm	9am - 7pm	9am - 7pm	9am - 7pm	9am - 5:30pm	9am - 5pm	Closed
Enfield Town Library 66 Church Street Enfield EN2 6AX Tel: 020 8379 8341	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 5:30pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 5:30pm	9am - 5:30pm	12pm - 4pm
Ordnance Unity Centre Library 645 Hertford Road Enfield EN3 6ND Tel: 020 8379 2688	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	Closed	9am - 8pm	9am - 5:30pm	9am - 5pm	Closed

