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Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject: Reading Assessment Information for Parents and Carers

As part of our commitment to supporting every child to become a confident and successful reader, students will be completing a reading assessment called the New Group Reading Test (NGRT) this week (w/c Monday 21st September 2026).

What is the NGRT?

The NGRT is a short, online assessment that helps us understand your child's reading ability and reading age. It allows us to identify strengths, areas for development and any additional support that may help your child make progress. For example, if a child receives a reading age of 12 years, this means they are reading at the level expected of an average 12-year-old. If their reading age is above or below their actual age, this helps us decide how best to support and challenge them.

Why is this assessment important?

Strong reading skills are essential for success across all subjects. By understanding each student's reading level, we can:

- Provide appropriate support where needed
- Ensure students can access the curriculum successfully
- Track reading progress over time
- Celebrate improvements in reading ability

What does the test involve?

The assessment is completed online and includes:

- Reading short passages of text
- Answering multiple-choice questions
- Sentence completion activities

The test usually takes between 30 and 50 minutes to complete.

There is no need for any special preparation. We do not recommend practising specifically for the assessment, as we want to gain an accurate picture of your child's current reading ability. The assessment includes practice questions to help students become familiar with the format before they begin.

When will I receive the results?

Your child's reading age and assessment information will be shared with you through our normal reporting process. We use this information to help support your child's reading development throughout the year.

If you have any questions about the assessment or your child's reading age, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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