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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are beginning to get used to the 'new normal' and are adapting to new routines well. As you are aware, early reading is a vital and fundamental part of children's learning. We recognise that in order to support your child they need to be provided with accessible resources.

However, during these unprecedented times it is paramount to keep all children, parents and staff safe and it is therefore vital that we all adhere to Government regulations in order to maintain the safety of our Conifers community. Unfortunately, children will be unable to help themselves freely to home/school reading books as previously allowed.

Therefore to prevent the risk of cross contamination, we are inputting a new system which will start on Monday 14th September.

New Reading System

- On Monday, your child will be sent home with a new reading book and reading record and they will keep this book until Friday. On Friday morning, your child's teacher will collect the book and reading record in a box where it will remain 'in quarantine' over the weekend.
- On the following Monday, your child's teacher will sign the reading record book, update the stamps for the reading reward system and provide your child with a new book to take home.

This system will be repeated each week (Mon-Fri, though it is essential that you return the reading books each week in order for every child in that bubble to benefit. We unfortunately do not have an endless supply of reading books and we **can not** share books with other classes in different bubbles so it is important that the books are returned every Friday in order for every child to have this opportunity.

In addition to this, Years 3-6 will still be able to access a variety of electronic books using MyOn with their individual logins. Although Years 1 and 2 do not have access to MyOn, we have found a great online website which provides free and unlimited access to the colour banded Oxford Reading Tree books (which we use in school).

- Go to the website; www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- Register with an adult's email address to create a log in.



- Select 'ebooks' and filter your search with your child's age, genre and their book band colour which your child's teacher will be able to inform you of in due course.
- Select a book and use the arrows to turn the pages.

Every time your child reads, whether it be an e-book or a hard copy of a book, please make a reference of these in their reading record book to enable your child to collect stamps on their loyalty card and earn prizes.

We recognise that this system is another 'new normal' to adjust to and we thank you for your continued support and patience,

Miss E Treweek (English Lead)

