

READING AT HOME

Learning to read is one of the most important aspects of your child's schooling. We would like to share some positive ways you could help your child with their reading development. It is important for you to encourage, monitor, support and show an interest in your child's reading, throughout their schooling.

What Can Parents Do?

The home is just as important as school in developing a love, interest and understanding of reading. We encourage both dads and mums to be involved in their child's reading. It is particularly important for boys to have positive male role models influencing the way they learn.



Reading with your children helps them understand that print on the page has a message, adds to their vocabulary and gives them an enjoyment of stories.



As children learn to read by themselves, they need time for quiet sustained silent reading. The amount of time spent should be for as long as the child is able to maintain interest in the story. Ten minutes each day is better than 30 minutes per week.



Your child may bring home a book for you to share together. Listen to your child read. If he or she is at the beginning stages of reading, help him or her to point to the words. Do not isolate letters and sounds. Encourage to use the illustrations for visual cues. Reading is gaining meaning, not just saying words.

LISTENING TO MY CHILD READ

Golden Rules:

- ❖ Always be positive.
- ❖ Be patient.
- ❖ Praise their efforts.
- ❖ Make it a pleasurable time.

Let's begin ...

- ♥ Listening to your child should be an enjoyable, shared experience.
- ♥ Find a time when you and your child are relaxed – make it a special time.
- ♥ Sit beside your child, either at a table or on the couch. Allow your child to hold the book.
- ♥ Don't argue with or force your child to read, if they are tired or disinterested; there is no pleasure for either person.
- ♥ Patience is extremely important if the child is frightened about making mistakes. Resist jumping in and correcting errors but ask questions like: **Does that make sense? Does that look right? What does it start with?**

Let's read...

Talk to your child/ren about the book before they start. Talking about the book helps to create an interest in the story.

- ♥ Look at the front cover, the illustrations and the author.
- ♥ Sometimes ask them what they think the story will be about.

**REMEMBER OUR AIM IS TO CREATE IN CHILDREN A LOVE OF READING!
CHILDREN MODEL THEIR PARENTS, SO IT'S IMPORTANT THEY SEE THEM READING!**