



Reading at home – guidance for parents/carers

At Willow Academy, we know the importance of reading and want to work in partnership with parents, carers and grandparents to enthuse our pupils with a love of reading.

Our expectations

All children are expected to **read 5 times a week**.

This could be their reading book, a bug club book, a magazine, a newspaper, a leaflet or even the back of the cereal packet! Reading is reading, whatever the content.

Reading should be **shared**. It should take place with an adult and the child should **read out loud**. Time should be taken to discuss and clarify the meaning of words as well as a discussion about the content. This could be in the form of questions about the story/information the child has read.

Parents/carers should record this in their child's reading journal. The date, book title and any comments/questions should be logged.

Suggestions of questions:

1. *Retrieval questions.*

Start your questions with; **Where, what, when, who and which...**

2. *Inference questions.*

Start your questions with; **Explain, why, how do you know, what do you think...**

The time and number of pages read, will vary depending on the age and stage of the child.

For example:

- FS2 – Children are expected to spend at least **5 minutes** reading.
- KS1 - Children are expected to read for at least **10 minutes**.
- KS2 – Children are expected to read for around **15-20 minutes**.

However, if your child, whatever age, is happy to read for longer than this, please encourage them to do so and record it in their reading journal for their teacher to see and reward.

We look forward to hearing about all the reading our children do at home.

Thank you for your support.