



PARKSIDE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Parkside Community School we are committed to improving the literacy skills of all students, and ensuring that every child has the necessary skills they need to read, is an essential component of literacy education. It enables students to not only learn across the curriculum, but also to access numerous aspects of daily life, influencing the opportunities that they have available to them in the future.

At the start of the academic year, your child completed a reading age test in which they have been identified as a student who is below their chronological age with a standardised score below 100. We aim to support and assist students who are below their chronological age therefore your child has been chosen to complete some targeted intervention to close the attainment gap. This intervention will take place during the school day and your child's timetable will be adapted accordingly to allow for the targeted intervention. They will have the opportunity to read a book of their own choice with one of our school pastors on a one to one basis, giving them the opportunity to improve their reading fluency and confidence.

It would be beneficial if you could encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis. Reading aloud to another adult or independently will help to develop their ability to read for pleasure. Research indicates that there are strong links between reading for pleasure and educational outcomes, enabling students to improve comprehension, vocabulary, and inference skills. Whilst academic attainment is of vital importance, reading for pleasure goes beyond this and can increase empathy, our understanding of the world and our personal well-being. Put simply, reading is amazing and hugely beneficial!

By working together, we can support your child's development regarding reading. We will be speaking to all students about the support which is being offered. Should you wish to discuss this intervention, please contact the school via info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Asher
Deputy Headteacher Quality of Education

