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Dear Parent/Carer,

We shared with you before Christmas that we were reviewing our school policy on reading provision across the school. At Our Lady of Lourdes we strongly believe that reading is the vehicle that steers learning in all areas of the curriculum. As always, we are responsive to ideas and suggestions from parents as well as children, and take this feedback very seriously. We recognise that at times there have been inconsistencies in some Home/School reading across the school and we really want to tighten up on this to ensure consistency for all children.

**Therefore with regards to reading we have decided the following;**

### Reception Class

In Reception Class children will be given a reading book weekly, along with a phonics book and flashcards. Reading books will be changed at least once per week.

### Years 1-3

In Years 1-3 School Reading Books will now **go home on a Friday and will be returned to school on a Monday**. If this book has been read and finished then children will be provided with additional opportunities, throughout the week, to take extra choice books home which they have chosen to read for enjoyment. Please be mindful that these books will not always be matched accurately to your child's phonic knowledge as the children have chosen these books independently and may need support to complete them.

### Years 4-6

In Years 4-6 children will be again given **a book to take home on a Friday to be returned on a Monday**. As the books in Key Stage 2 have a lot more content, children may keep these texts for up to 2 weeks and can discuss with the teacher if they feel that they need to keep it a little longer e.g. if the book is a novel and they are not quite finished. Children will also have a choice reading book that they choose for themselves- these books may not always be accurately matched to your child's ability, so feel free to help them or challenge them where necessary.

We will also be providing each child with a new reading record book and these will come home with your child's school reading book. Please sign your child's reading record when they have read and share anything you'd like to with us in the reading record. Please remind your child to return their school reading book and reading record to school on a Monday morning, also feel free to comment and share anything that your child is choosing and reading for pleasure at home.

### Homework

Our Homework Menu will continue this term giving children opportunities to reinforce their learning at home in a creative way. After February half term, we will be making a few changes to the Homework Menu, where we will be incorporating some additional opportunities for children to complete maths and English/comprehension activities. More information on the changes to the homework will follow. We hope that this approach will provide a balance of key skills and creativity for our children.

We appreciate your continued support as we journey to the best possible Home/School reading throughout the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton

Headteacher

