

Reading Guidance for Parents

At Keston we place great importance on reading at home at every stage of your child's education. Please find a quiet 10-15 minutes most days to read with your child, at key stage 2 this should be a minimum of 3 times a week.

Reading is not just about decoding (working out the words), understanding the text is equally important. Therefore, it is important that you discuss the text with your child. There are some question prompts included in this book to help you. This is especially important as your child progresses and reads their books more independently.

Top tips!

- Choose a quiet space; away from distractions (turn the television off if necessary!)
- If your child is struggling on a word, encourage them to sound out, read on and come back, or tell them the word.
- Often, characters names are difficult to sound out, so tell your child the names if they are finding it tricky.
- Reading should never be a battle! Get into a routine and make the expectation clear.
- Try to avoid reading just before bedtime, especially if your child is tired.
- If your child is struggling, read the sentence/page to them and then ask them to read it to you.

Finally

Please, please, please keep reading aloud to your child! Share stories, books, and poems and so on. Children love to be read to and it develops their imagination.

Be a good role model! Let your child see you reading!