

## Reading to your child.

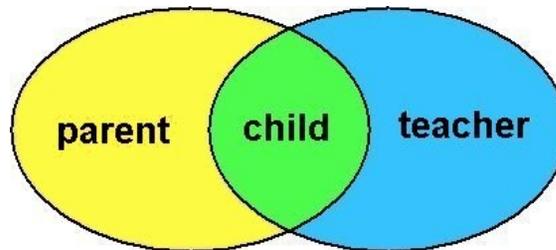
Remember that it is also important for children to be read to. There is almost universal agreement that listening to stories is 'good' for children who are learning to read. You can motivate your child to read by regularly sharing a book with them. Your child will sense your love of books, your enjoyment of a good story and your appreciation of good illustrations. With younger children it can be fun to read familiar stories together, pointing at the words and allowing children to enjoy the stories, join in with well-known stories and develop ideas of the relationship between sound and print. With children of any age it will help to develop imagination and enrich vocabulary development.

## Working Together for Your Child

At Higher Openshaw Community School we value parents as your child's first teacher.

We believe that reading with or to your child everyday can have a huge impact on your child's development and achievement.

If you need any support please see your class teacher or Mrs Mort.



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## Reading at Home

Reading is becoming a success at Higher Openshaw Community School. Much of this success can be attributed to the support and encouragement that children are given from reading with parents at home. Strong home-school partnerships are highly beneficial to reading development throughout a child's time at primary school. This document offers ideas and suggestions to help you and your child gain the most from your reading



## Reading Material

At school pupils are given access to a wide range of reading material and books are regularly taken home. Pupils will read a mixture of 'real' books and those from our reading schemes. Sometimes a book will be chosen by the class teacher and at other times children will make their own selections especially when visiting the library. Children may sometimes choose a book that they have read before or that you may consider too easy for them, but it is important that they are given these opportunities to build confidence and allow them to show off what they can do! It is also important to remember that reading opportunities are all around us, everywhere. Children should be encouraged to engage in these as fully as possible in everyday life. These include choosing from a menu, choosing and checking times from a TV or cinema guide, reading advertisements, looking at sign posts and directions, reading emails and letters, sport reports, reading instructions from a recipe, making a model or rules for a game ... the list is endless!

## Supporting your child at home.

How will my child learn to read?

Learning to read does not happen all at once. It involves a series of stages that lead, over time, to independent reading and to fluency. The best time for children to start learning to read is when they are very young. This is when they are best able to start developing basic reading skills.

Enjoy reading and see it as a pleasurable leisure activity, as well as a means of following instructions and finding things out

- ◆ To have access to a range of reading experiences:
- ◆ Have the reading skills necessary to read a range of text types for pleasure and for Information