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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that your families and young people are settling in to the new school year, and are enjoying getting to know new teachers, classes and friends.

You may be aware that over the past year there have been substantial changes to government guidance on the teaching of reading. As a school, we have been working determinedly to ensure that these changes are implemented in a way that truly benefits our pupils.

In light of this, we have made a huge investment to support our pupils reading development. This has included implementing a new SEN specific Phonics programme, and purchasing hundreds of new books for our brand-new reading scheme.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the delivery of our reading scheme books has been delayed. This means that, for the next few weeks, pupils will be choosing books from our library to enjoy at home. We are confident it will be worth the wait, and within school we are using this opportunity to prepare pupils by spending additional time on phonics and reading based assessments and activities. At home, please continue to read together and support a love of reading.

There are a huge variety of activities that can support your child's reading skills, through reading a variety of books and through every day activities. To find out more about the changes to our teaching of reading, our new phonics scheme and to share strategies to support reading progress, please do join our first parent workshop on **Friday 16th September, from 2-3pm.**

Kind regards,

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