

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to you, members of our Bohunt Worthing community, to ask for your help in developing a powerful reading culture around our school, one in which our students will thrive as keen, independent readers.

Why are we doing this?

We know as teachers that getting young people to read can seem like an impossible task. They have other activities they would rather do; they find reading difficult and frustrating; they can't find a book they enjoy; they can't seem to concentrate on the task for long periods of time. You may recognise some of these issues from your own attempts to encourage your child to read. However, we also know that students who read frequently give themselves a great advantage in their academic subjects, as well as receiving a number of other benefits, such as a broader general knowledge and a richer vocabulary.

Reading at home is something that we highly encourage and we do everything we can to foster a love of reading in our English lessons and with our fully-stocked LRC (school library). However, we think that **the most powerful thing we can do when it comes to reading motivation is to work together as a community to come up with solutions and strategies to get our young people reading in their own time.**

What have we got planned?

To begin the process of building a reading community, **we would like to offer you a programme of practical tips and advice that you can use to encourage and motivate your child to read at home.**

This programme will be made up of five short videos, each focussed on a different area of reading motivation:

1. The benefits of reading
2. Book selection
3. Making the choice easy
4. Follow-up support
5. 'I am a reader': developing lifelong readers

How can you take part?

If you would like to be involved in this initiative, all you need to do is:

- Complete the Google Form below to register your interest and share some basic information about your child as a reader.
- Watch the five videos and try out a few of the strategies at home.
- Share some feedback with us about how you have been getting on.

We don't expect to instantly transform our more reluctant readers with this project. However, by continuing the conversation about reading, and by continuing to work on this in the next academic year, **we hope that together we can change attitudes and develop life-long readers.**

Finally, I would like to reassure you that we will try to make these resources as accessible as possible for all parents/carers, regardless of their current confidence level in this area. We want everyone to have a chance to get something useful out of this.

Complete this Google Form to register your interest in this scheme: <https://forms.gle/zMRL5kGX8sepqmno6>

Kind regards,

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