



# ST. AGNES' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and are enjoying the return of school.

By the end of this week, your child will be taking a reading book home. **We are no longer using myON at home or in school.** Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. This week, your child has sat their Accelerated Reader Star Quiz. This short quiz has informed your child/ren's teacher of their new ZPDs. Their ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) is a personal number which sets range of reading levels tailored to your child's ability. The range is neither too hard or too easy and allows your child to read a variety of texts. **Please do not be dismayed if your child's ZPD has regressed during lockdown- this is to be expected.**

When your child has finished their book, they will complete a follow up activity in their Reading Log and then will take a short quiz on a tablet or iPad (at school). Passing the quiz (85% or above) is an indication that your child has understood what has been read. Quizzes and follow ups **have** to be sat before a new book is given. It is important that your child knows whether they have finished their book or not as we are not making a return to reading records for now.

ZPD libraries have been set up in every class so as not to compromise the bubble. To ensure the safety of children, parents and staff, books will be quarantined for seven days upon their return.

If your child does not have a reading age of six or above (necessary to access Accelerated Reader), they will be given an alternative book to read.

Your child should be reading at home daily for at least 20 minutes and should bring their book into school every day.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and best wishes for a successful spring term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Donnelly

English coordinator