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Dear Parent/Guardian

Developing a love of reading both in and out of school is a real priority of ours and we would like to share some information with you.

A contract detailing the school's responsibilities and how we will work together with you to improve your child's reading skills is attached. The reading contract is essential to improve reading for pleasure in and out of school and must specify collective responsibilities of the school, teachers, parent/guardian and child.

We believe that we each have an important role and responsibility in helping your child be successful in their individual reading journey. The contract below identifies recommended actions that each person can do.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

C. Dudfield

Carrie Dudfield

Literacy Lead and Head of Upper school



Reading Contract for Parents and The Orchard School

This contract recognises the important role and responsibility of the parents and the school in working together to support a child's progress and success in reading.

As such, we commit to:

- Respect school staff, children, parents, administrators and community.
- Be excited about literacy, reading and learning to read.
- Create a buzz about reading for pleasure in a variety of ways.

Parent(s)/Guardian

To support my child in learning to read, I will:

- Invite my child to read with me every day.
- Explore books together – using your senses – touching, smelling, hearing etc.
- Stop and ask about the picture and about what is happening in the story.
- Read a variety of children's books.
- Talk with my child's teacher about my child's reading progress.
- Discuss stories we have read together.
- Give feedback to my child's class about the books they have read.
- Ask my child questions about what was read.
- Parents are responsible for any books sent home. It is expected that all borrowed reading books will be returned to school once complete – every two weeks.
- If any books are damaged or lost, you will be sent a letter, text or a note in the diary. It is expected that a payment will be made to the school of £5 so that a replacement can be purchased.

School

In my work leading the school, we will:

- Work towards parental involvement in supporting their children's reading and homework.
- School will send a book to share with your child out every two weeks.
- School will ask for your feedback on how your child responded to the story or book you have explored with them.
- School will send a book appropriate to your child's level.
- School will support parents in how to read with your child at home.

School

Teacher

Parent/Guardian

Date