

# Alsager Highfields Foundation Primary School

The more that you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss



Parent's Guide to Reading  
with Enjoyment with  
Children

## Introduction

Research shows that parents who hear children read accelerate their children's interest and progress in reading.

Children, like adults, read for interest and pleasure. Parents should, therefore, try to make the reading session as enjoyable as possible. This means that almost any reading material which interests your child should be used, (e.g. comics, magazines and electronic media).

The written word is essential for communication. It is hard to cope with everyday life in a literate community if you cannot read.

**Please help ensure your child brings their reading book home every evening, reads regularly at home and returns reading books and the reading diary to school each day.**

There is further useful information for parents inside the reading diary at the beginning of the book.



## Listening to Reading

**All children should be encouraged to read aloud to parents/carers throughout their Primary school years.** When you listen to your child read, your aim should be to build self-confidence and encourage your child to work things out independently.

### General Points

- ✓ Establish a daily routine.
- ✓ Sit comfortably side by side.
- ✓ Avoid interruptions eg television or other children.
- ✓ Be positive and praise your child frequently.
- ✓ Don't restrict reading to the book sent home from school.
- ✓ Keep the sessions short.
- ✓ It is often worthwhile to select or encourage reading material around a special interest or hobby that your child has.

## Other Ideas for Helping Your Child with Reading.

- Before you begin to read a book, get a "feel" for the book by looking at the cover and predicting what the story is about.
- If they come to a difficult word let them have a go using their phonic skills.
- If your child is unable to read a word, look for any picture clues or contextual clues.
- Praising children after these attempts will build up their self-confidence.

## Home/School Partnership

If you have any questions regarding your child's reading, please contact your child's class teacher.