Saint Pierre School

Independent Preparatory School for 2 1/2 - 11 year olds

From The Deputy Head



6th September 2021

Dear parents,

This September we have signed up to 'Go Read' which is a Digital Reading Record for Reception to Year 6. This platform can be accessed by parents and teachers improving communication and allowing more time for quality 1-2-1 reading. Staff are also able to ask more meaningful questions during their sessions.

Today or tomorrow your child will be given a letter personal to your child with the codes required to log onto their account. If you download the app suggested it will save all the passwords for you. If you use an iPad then you can save the log in page to Home Screen and it should also save the passwords for you. If you have more than one child then you log on first with one child's details and you can add the other making your uploading of information easier for both children on a daily basis.

Go Read advertises that the uploading of information is simple and clear. To be honest we have also found this to be the case during our own trial. They can help directly with any queries you may have and provide a range of videos to support anyone accessing the digital reading record. When you first log in there is a 'Help and Guides' section which will offer you everything you need to know. If you do have any questions or come across any problem please do not hesitate to contact Go Read directly or email me, <u>Danielle.hemmings@saintpierreschool.co.uk</u> and I will do my best to help.

We will also be using Go Read to inform parents of the homework and the due date. Homework will not be uploaded to this but, just as with the written reading record previously, it will provide you with the information.

Should you need to contact the teacher for guidance or information about homework please see them at the end of the school day or email teachers directly using the following format for each member of staff <u>firstname.surname@saintpierreschool.co.uk</u>. Email and at the end of the school day will be times staff will be available for any queries. Please do not use Teams to contact teachers as this is mainly for use by children and children are able to look back at messages sent.

Having spoken to five of our feeder secondary schools about how they record and inform children/ parents of homework and reading, I gained varying replies from all online to part online and part in diaries. The focus was always to build independent children. We feel that putting the Reading Record online will support many families by keeping them updated and also want to ensure our children are prepared for their secondary schools. With this in mind, Year 5/6 children will also bring home a reading record book which they can use as they wish to take responsibility for recording homework and details of what to do.

Kind regards,

**Danielle Hemmings** 

**Deputy Head** 



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