



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing provision for reading at Churchfields the Village School, we have restructured the way we monitor and challenge children who are Free Readers. As you may be aware, as children progress past the coloured sticker book system already in place, they are currently entitled to choose from the wide selection of Free Reader books we have at school or bring their own books in from home.

We want to ensure that all children are reading appropriately challenging books that will support independent reading but will also expose readers to a wider range of vocabulary, sentence structure and more detailed plot and character development. The new system of Free Reader books now contains three levels, each level getting progressively more challenging. The new levels are as follows:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Guidelines</b>
<b>Free reader yellow</b>	Shorter chapter books, typically less than 120 pages, with content suitable for 7-8 year olds.
<b>Free reader blue</b>	Longer chapter books, typically 150 to 180 pages, with content more suited to 8-10 year olds. Content will include more challenging vocabulary.
<b>Free reader pink</b>	Considerably longer chapter books, dealing with age appropriate content aimed at 10-12 year olds and typically 250+ pages. Vocabulary will be sufficiently challenging.

From Term 3, all children who are currently on Free Reader will be placed within one of these Free Reader levels by their class teacher. Children will work towards the next level and this will be regularly assessed throughout the academic year.

We greatly appreciate the support parents and carers provide at home with reading and if you have any queries regarding this change to the Free Reader system, please speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

King regards,

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