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Dear Parents and Carers

### Collective Reading Strategy

It is clear from research that a child's ability to read influences their future academic and life opportunities as they move forward. At Baysgarth we believe in the power of reading to also promote a much wider world view, developing empathy, compassion and understanding.

The Collective Reading Strategy is a whole school initiative launched this year, with the intention of running for years to come. The idea is to engage every child in reading modern novels which will interest, intrigue, excite and develop them as young people. These novels are also designed to challenge them and their views.

During two form time sessions a week, your child will be read to by their Form Tutor, and will follow along with their own copy of the text, alongside their peers in their form group. As adults we are modelling good reading as the benefits for all children in being read to are huge.

Over the course of the year the aim is to read two different novels, and over the coming years the novels will be rotated around the Houses. By the time your child(ren) leave Baysgarth, they would have had the opportunity to immerse themselves in novels they may never have chosen to read before.

We have attached a list of the books that we will be reading and a brief synopsis of each novel alongside a FAQ document. This will support you making sure you are aware of the themes of the books and the rationale for this approach. We then hope that you will support your child simply by asking them about the book and discussing the themes with them.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly and I will be more than happy to support.

Yours faithfully



Miss J Driscoll  
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