

# St. Clare's Abbey Primary School



**Parent and child  
'paired reading' guide.**

## Your Guidelines

- Try to do Paired reading at the same time each day.
- Find the time that suits you and your child and stick to it.
- Let your child choose the reading material but be sure that it's not too easy nor too difficult.
- Aim for 15 minutes per session, seven days per week.
- You can work up to longer times, but only if your child wants to.
- While you are together, your child has to feel he/she has your full attention
- Get close up together and make sure you are both comfortable.
- The atmosphere should be warm and snug.
- Fill in reading log each night. This will be brought back to school at the end of the 8 week period.



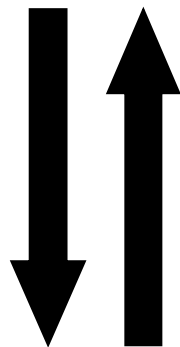
## Getting Ready.

- Remember that most children are easily distracted.
- They cannot concentrate when there are lots of interruptions.
- Find a place that is quiet and comfortable.
- If the television is on, then turn it off or go somewhere you can't see or hear it.
- Do not give the rest of the family a chance to interfere.

## The Idea.

- Paired Reading has two steps:

Reading together



Reading alone

- Parents and child can switch from one step to the other.
- The idea is for the child to spend more and more of her time reading alone.

## Reading Together.

- You and your child both read the words out loud together.
- You must be careful not to go too fast.
- Make your speed as fast or as slow as your child's.
- Every word must be read.
- Your child may struggle before he/she manages to read a word right. This shows she is trying. But you don't want him/her to struggle for too long.
- Be sure to show you are pleased with his/her efforts.

If your child:

Struggles for more than 5 seconds, reads a word incorrectly or leaves a word out;

Then you:

- point to the word,
- make sure he/she looks at the word,
- you read it correctly,
- he/she then says it correctly and you continue reading together as before.

## Reading Alone.

- As you read together your child may start to feel confident enough to read a little on her own.
- You should agree a way for him/her to ask you to be quiet.
- Of course, it won't do for your child to **tell** you because he/she will lose track of what he/she is reading.
- Some kind of sign is best: a knock on the table or a squeeze of your arm.
- Once this signal is given, the parent stops reading out loud.
- Your child carries on reading alone until he/she struggles, reads a word wrong or leaves out a word.
- His/Her mistake will start both of you reading together again.



## **Make The Most of Reading.**

- Look together at the pictures in the book.
- Talk about them.
- Talk about the people, the things and places that you read about.
- Talk about the story.
- Try to guess together what is going to happen next.

## **Points to Remember.**

1. Make this a happy experience between you and your child.
2. Do not fuss about words the child may get wrong.
3. Do not 'break the words up' or sound them out'.
4. If your child gets the word wrong just say the word and let her say it after you.
5. Praise your child when she gives you the sign that she wants to read alone.
6. Continue to use praise as she reads on alone.

## WRITERS WORTH READING.

0-2 YEARS	2-6 YEARS	5-8 YEARS	9-12 YEARS
Allan Ahlberg	Allan Ahlberg	Michael Bond	Bernard Ashley
Catherine and Lawrence Anholt	Jez Alborough	Tony Bradman	Malorie Blackman
Dick Bruna	Giles Andreae	Marc Brown	Tim Bowler
Rod Campbell	John Burningham	Humphrey Carpenter	Theresa Breslin
Eric Carle	Nick Butterworth	Rob Childs	Betsy Byars
Stephen Cartwright	Eric Carle	Eoin Colfer	Ann Carroll
Lucy Cousins	Lauren Child	Don Conroy	Eoin Colfer
Debi Gliori	Babette Cole	Roald Dahl	Marita Conlon -Mckenna
Eric Hill	Helen Cooper	Berlie Doherty	Susan Cooper
Shirley Hughes	Penny Dale	Anne Fine	Berlie Doherty
Mick Inkpen	Julia Donaldson	Marie Louise Fitzpatrick	Siobhan Dowd
Lisa Kopper	Dr Seuss	Ted Hughes	Anne Fine
Helen Oxenbury	Joyce Dunbar	Julia Jarman	Neil Gaiman
Jan Pienkowski	Sarah Garland	Dick King Smith	Jamila Gavin
Nicola Smee	Debi Gliori	Tessa Kraling	Carlo Gebler
Carol Thompson	Mick Inkpen	Elizabeth Laird	Morris Gleitzman
Rosemary Wells	Simon Jeffers	Sam McBratney	Anthony Horowitz
	Oliver Jeffers	Michael Morpurgo	Leslie Howarth
	Tony Mitton	Jill Murphy	Paul Jennings
	Flora McDonnell	Jenny Nimmo	Pete Johnson
	Colin McNaughton	Aisling O'Loughlin	Diana Wynne Jones
	Jill Murphy	Hilda Offen	Gene Kemp
	Michael Rosen	Michael Rosen	Judith Kerr
	Tony Ross	Francesca Simon	Dick King Smith
	Jane Simmons	Jeremy Strong	Elizabeth Laird
	Charlotte Voake	Colin Thompson	CS Lewis
	Martin Waddell	Jill Tomlinson	Morgan Llywelyn
		Hazel Townson	Michelle Magorian
		Chris Van Alsberg	Geraldine McCaughrean
		Martin Waddell	Anthony Masters
			Michael Morpurgo
			Michael Mullan
			Siobhan Parkinson
			Gary Paulsen
			Terry Pratchett
			Philip Ridley
			JK Rowling
			Louis Sachar

			9-12 YEARS
			Robert Swindells
			Marilyn Taylor
			Colin Thompson
			Chris Van Alsberg
			Martin Waddell
			Gerard Whelan
			EB White

