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Dear Parents/Carers,

At The Robert Fitzroy Academy, we value our pupils becoming both skilled and keen readers. We aim for pupils to read well to secure future educational opportunities as well as encouraging them to be keen to read for pleasure. To be a skilled reader, it takes lots of practice and so practice is needed both in school and at home. As always, we appreciate you working in partnership with us to ensure that your child is reading regularly at home.

From **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, pupils will begin to take books home from school. This could be:

- Dandelion readers
- RFA scheme books that are linked to pupil's phonic knowledge
- A text of your child's choosing from the book corner

The book that is sent home with your child will be based on the assessments that your child's class teacher has been completing to ensure that following lockdown your child has an appropriate book to read.

In response to the Covid19 Pandemic and to ensure the safety of both our families and staff, we will now distribute books following the routine below when allocating school books and returning them.

1. On **Wednesdays**, children will choose or be given a new reading book appropriate to their stage of reading.
2. Across that week (including the weekend) children can read this book. You can continue to write in your child's reading record, but for the moment, the teacher will not be writing in these books.
3. The reading book must be returned to class on the following **Monday**, where it will be placed in a separate box. These returned books will be left to 'air' for 72 hours in the box and then the covers wiped down to ensure that they are sanitised.

When your child does not have a reading book from school, they will continue to have access to our E-reader package 'Bug Club', which allows your child to read stories and books online, set at an appropriate stage.

For the moment, your child will not be bringing home an additional book from our book corner, but we are happy to make recommendations to help you with purchasing books for your child or can recommend additional reading websites. If you have any queries about school books and the process, please speak to your child's class teacher.