



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Library - Reading & Book Returns

Reading for pleasure and maintaining reading habits are vital for students throughout their school career. Research consistently proves that *children* who enjoy *reading* are more successful right across the curriculum. Like physical fitness, if you do not practice reading regularly, your proficiency decreases. The consequences of this are a tendency to read more slowly, a loss of previously known vocabulary and a general reduction in understanding of written material. A recent study found that a quarter of all 15-year-olds have a reading age of 12 or below, and that the reading ability gap between boys and girls widens significantly after primary school.

Therefore, we ensure every student at Fearnhill has a fortnightly library lesson throughout KS3 to ensure they have access to books and enable them to take a book out to read. We invest in new books every year and are always open to requests from students. As we want to encourage student loans, we don't currently penalise for the late return of books. Nevertheless, we do need these books returned, or we will have no stock to loan. They can also reserve books or extend their loan by going on Accessit at [Fearnhill Library](#)

There are currently a large number of books outstanding, and so we will be setting a date each term by which students will be expected to have returned all overdue books and renewed current loans. At this point, any not returned will be considered lost and parents/carers will be asked to pay £2.50 to help cover the replacement cost. Please can you support us by having a search at home and returning any library books you may find that have been mislaid or forgotten.

All books that are handed in are scanned back on the system; those that are returned directly to the shelves will not be scanned until the next student borrows them. If your student believes that they may have returned a book directly to the shelf, please encourage them to come to the library at lunch or after school to help locate it on the shelf so they can be checked back in on the system.

The deadline date for this term's return is Friday 30th June. Alongside lost books the library stock is affected by several books each year having accidents, usually concerning drink bottles. We accept that accidents do happen and there are no sanctions against students who have these accidents. However, to keep the library stocked, if your student's book has been involved in an accident, you will again be asked to make a £2.50 donation towards its replacement. Payments for lost or damaged books will be requested through Arbor.

Thank you for your support in caring for our library books, enabling us to keep them available for all students.

Yours faithfully,

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