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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sparx Reader

We are excited to inform you that we will be launching a new reading and home learning trial across Key Stage 3. Your child will be using **Sparx Reader** to complete their weekly reading homework and Year 7 will also have the opportunity to access the platform during their time in the library (once every two weeks) to help improve aspects of their literacy. **Sparx Reader** provides highly personalised reading support to students, tailored to their individual attainment level and working speed.

Student sign in and set up will be supported by their English teacher and they will be asked to complete a short reading test initially, to ensure that the platform is providing the correct level of text to meet their individual needs. The initial set up will be carried out in a lesson over the next week and the week after half term.

Once we have set your child up on the platform, students can log in at sparxreader.com by finding their school and signing in with Microsoft. **Sparx Reader** can be accessed on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

We understand how important your child's success is to you. Below, you'll find information about **Sparx Reader**, along with practical advice on how you can support them both to engage well with this platform and to complete their homework each week.

What is Sparx Reader?

- Students choose from a range of age-appropriate ebooks at their reading level and, as they read, they will answer questions to check that they are reading carefully.
- Students receive immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try.
- Careful readers earn rewards via SRP for completion and effort.
- Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading can unlock 'Gold Reader'. This means they can read any book of their choice and log their reading by scanning the book's barcode within **Sparx Reader**.
- **Sparx Reader** reassures teachers and parents/carers that focused and careful reading is taking place, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated.
- Homework will only be marked complete when the **Sparx Reader** Points target has been met.
- **Sparx Reader** allows for colour overlays, font changes and sizes as well as reading rulers to ensure that students receive the best experience tailored to them.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework, with minimal distractions.

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- Encourage your child to start their homework early.
- Please let them attempt questions independently. **Sparx Reader** will automatically adjust the level of questions provided based on your child's answers.
- You can also find out more about **Sparx Reader** on the dedicated parent page - www.sparxreader.com/parents

What support is available at Noadswood?

- Once our students are set up on **Sparx Reader**, we will begin setting homework. We will be running a **Sparx Reader** homework club and catch up on a **Tuesday** after school to support students in using the platform.
- Homework can also be completed during breaktime and lunch time or in our afterschool homework club in our Library.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs White, Mrs Walker or Mrs Dixon.

We hope that your children will enjoy the platform and that as many of you as possible will become involved with their progress and engagement with it; we also look forward to their and your feedback in due course.

Yours sincerely

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