

Frequently Asked Questions

for

Home Reading

for

Narwee Public School Parents and Carers



Do we have to do home reading every night?

Yes. We recommend students to read every night. A parent reading to their children is valuable.

How long should my child read for?

We recommend at least 15 minutes per night. It is recommended that parents/carers listen to their child read regularly.

My child doesn't like home reading.

Try to make it a really positive experience. Your child will smile and enjoy reading when you praise them for their efforts (and mistakes). Children seeing their parents regularly read and enjoy books is also very special.

When does my child need to take their home reader to school?

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It does not matter if your child is reading chapter books and they haven't finished reading the book, they must return it to school and take it home again.

We forgot the home reader today!

That's OK. Just read it again and write it down on the reading card.

We have already read this home reader.

Reading it again is always recommended.

Can I send the home reader in without the plastic folder?

Please ensure that the home reader is in the plastic take-home folder. This protects the books so others can enjoy too.

The home reader is too easy.

That's great! Home readers are meant to be easy! The home reading level is a few levels less than the instructional (or teaching) level at school. Home reading is meant for practise. Easy home readers build confidence and fluency, so when students learn at school, they have the attitude that reading is easy and fun.

What if the home reader is too hard?

There could be a few reasons:

- This particular level book may be challenging
- They may have been given the wrong level accidentally – please let your child's teacher know.
- Your child may be tired or it could be too early or late in the day to read the book.

I feel my child is ready to be moved up to the next level.

The teacher has made that selection for your child and students will move up when the teacher assesses them. Please also be aware that at school, students are provided with explicit reading instruction a few levels higher than the home reader.

Why hasn't my child moved up in home reading levels?

Your child's teacher has assessed them and they are not yet ready. Teachers will allow students to move up to the next level when they have necessary skills to do so. Some other ideas for home reading could be:

- Borrowing from school and local public libraries (Penshurst, Oatley and Hurstville) – and it's free!
- Books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist (available on the internet).
- Recipe books
- Comic books, pamphlets, leaflets
- Websites – eg: storyline online
- Road signs, shop signs, food ingredient labels
- Be creative!

Happy Reading!