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Dear Parents/Carers

## Lexplore Reading Assessments

The importance of being able to read and write with skill and fluency is well known and directly impacts our life chances and school success. As part of our whole school focus on literacy this year, we are introducing a new reading assessment for students in lower school, which will not only guide our interventions with students that need further support with reading but will also link to our new library system and suggest books to challenge and develop more fluent readers.

The assessment uses the latest artificial intelligence and eye tracking technology to offer an entirely new insight into literacy and is the only test in the world to fully assess silent reading. It is backed by over 30 years of peer-reviewed research and is assured by the British Dyslexia Association. By measuring when, where, and how a student's eyes move in relation to the words they are reading, the assessment quickly analyses their skills across key reading components, determines their attainment, and highlights any potential difficulties that they might be experiencing. This invaluable insight can help us to tailor a more personalised learning programme for your child to follow.

The digital assessments take no more than five minutes and will be conducted in school throughout November with Kingsmead trained staff. Before the assessment, we will discuss the reasons behind the process and what will occur during the assessment with students. Each assessment is conducted individually in a quiet room. Students are expected to read some letters, two short, age-appropriate texts and answer several questions about the texts they read. Staff will support students during the assessment and there is no pass or fail mark. Instead, each student's profile provides a detailed analysis of their reading including a visual representation for both reading out loud and silently.

The school has chosen to work with Lexplore so we can obtain a valuable insight into student's reading and easily identify those requiring extra support. The assessment helps us to ensure that every child has the chance to fulfil their learning potential.

For more information, please visit: [Lexplore - New AI Reading Analytics](#)

Yours faithfully



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