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Dear parent/Guardian ,

Here at Cardinal Wiseman, each pupil spends 30 minutes each day reading in silence during their 'Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) sessions as part of the Accelerated Reader Programme. Accelerated Reader is an effective programme which aims to improve a child's reading ability, and will monitor their progress at 3 times across the academic year. In order to prepare your child for this as they begin year 7, I am writing to inform you that your child has been given a short story to read over the summer holidays, accompanied by a number of activities which will require them to actively engage with a text. Pupils have had the activities explained to them during the Induction Day and will be aware of how we conduct reading sessions here at Cardinal Wiseman.

If the story or activity sheet is lost or damaged, there are copies of both on our school website under the reading section of the curriculum tab. Children of different reading abilities should be able to access the short story, but if you find that your child is struggling with this task, then there are also useful tips and strategies contained within the reading section of the website, which offer advice on how you can develop your child's reading ability at home. We want the children to see this as a fun introduction to reading here at Cardinal Wiseman, rather than an onerous homework task.

All activities should be completed over the holidays and will be expected to be handed in to their DEAR teacher during the first week in September.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Hennessy
English Teacher & Head of DEAR



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