

# THE READING PROCESS

## Section 8

### Working with your children

#### Top Tips for Parents/Guardians



Infants to 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read to your child as often as you can</li> <li>2. Talk about books / characters / plots</li> <li>3. Enrol your child in the local library</li> <li>4. Provide a good role model by reading yourself / other family members</li> <li>5. Keep audio tapes of familiar stories to play in the car</li> <li>6. Vary the type of books read – stories / poems / information</li> <li>7. Accept your child's efforts with praise</li> <li>8. Concentrate on what he /she got right</li> <li>9. Make reading together enjoyable</li> <li>10. Take part in school based initiatives like 'Shared Reading'</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to read to your child every day.</li> <li>2. Read some of the books your child enjoys so you can discuss it with him/her.</li> <li>3. Encourage your child to read to younger brothers/ sisters.</li> <li>4. Ensure that your child knows that you value and enjoy reading yourself.</li> <li>5. Make sure there is a wide variety of reading material in your home – newspapers, magazines, information, cookery books etc.</li> <li>6. Enrol and encourage your child to visit the local library once a week...</li> <li>7. Discuss favourite authors.</li> <li>8. Encourage your child to read articles / headlines in newspapers.</li> <li>9. Encourage your child to guess unknown words.</li> <li>10. Praise your child's efforts</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage your child to visit the local library as often as possible.</li> <li>2. Recognise and praise your child's efforts in reading.</li> <li>3. Ensure your child has access to a wide range of reading material – newspapers, magazines, guides etc.</li> <li>4. Take an interest in different children's authors.</li> <li>5. Discuss ideas and points of view proposed by newspaper articles etc.</li> <li>6. Provide a well-lit study / reading area.</li> <li>7. Ensure that you value and enjoy reading yourself.</li> <li>8. Allow your child to choose his /her own reading material.</li> <li>9. Encourage your child to read for information – timetables / weather forecasts / menus</li> <li>10. Encourage your child to try and guess unknown words.</li> </ol>