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Dear Parents and Carers,

DEAR - Drop Everything And Read

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving standards of literacy across the school, I am delighted to announce the introduction of the 'Drop Everything And Read' initiative to Bulmershe.

This initiative involves all students across the school taking time out of their day to stop what they are doing, pick up a book or other appropriate reading material, and start reading. This initiative will be trialed with Year 9 and will begin on **Monday 22nd January**. During period 1 all year 9 students will spend 30 minutes reading a text of their choice, regardless of the lesson they are in. These sessions will continue weekly on a rolling timetable so as not to affect the same lesson. Class teachers and support staff will also be participating in this scheme in order to create a school culture that clearly and obviously values reading.

To support this, all parents need to ensure their child brings reading material of their choice (Fiction or Non Fiction – Novels, Magazines and reference books are all fine) to school with them each day. This will ensure that they are fully prepared for these sessions and are engaging with a text that is of interest to them.

Furthermore research has proven that reading for pleasure can be linked to exam success across a range of subjects. In order to reinforce this, please encourage your child to read independently outside of school hours for **at least one hour a week**. This will not only improve their literacy skills for their upcoming examinations, but hopefully spark an enjoyment of reading for pleasure.

If you have any questions about the initiative, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Mooney

WHOLE SCHOOL LITERACY COORDINATOR