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Dear Parent/Carer,

Outwood Academy Riverside has a fantastic library for all students to access. There is a wide selection of books available which range from: children's fiction, non-fiction, Young Adult, mature fiction and much more.

When a student chooses a book from the library we do our best to advise them on the suitability of their choice in terms of reading ability and age appropriateness. We will endeavour to highlight any challenging content in Young Adult/Mature Fiction titles, by means of a conversation at check-out. However, as we aim to cultivate a love of reading, ultimately the choice of book remains with the student.


Your child will visit the library during their English reading lessons to select a book within the Accelerated Reader scheme. They are able to take this book home and the book will be checked out, in the same way as a public lending library does, for 2 weeks. Your child/ren are responsible for taking care of the books they borrow and returning them on time, in good condition, to the school library. They are able to renew their book/s if needed.

Students can borrow up to 3 books to take home and read, for 2 weeks. Their reading book is part of their school equipment and should be carried with them at all times and brought to school every day. If a book becomes overdue the student will be contacted during the school day by the LRC Co-ordinator to request its return. Please support your child/ren to look after the books they borrow from the school library and return them when due.

The Library is open after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until 3.30pm, for students to read, and future enrichment activities planned include a Book Club and visits to Middlesbrough Central Library. There is a book suggestion box in place for students to communicate their ideas for inclusion in the library in future.

Should you have any suitable books at home you no longer require and would like to donate to the library please do contact the school. There are plans for future events and activities at Outwood Academy Riverside to promote a love of reading as the academy grows each year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs H Lightfoot  
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