

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an upcoming assessment that will be administered to your child at Hinchingsbrooke. The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is scheduled to take place in the coming weeks, and I would like to take this opportunity to explain its purpose and significance.

The NGRT is a widely used standardised reading assessment designed to measure a student's reading skills and comprehension abilities. It evaluates various aspects of reading, including decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. By administering the NGRT, we aim to gain valuable insights into your child's reading proficiency and identify areas where they may need additional support or enrichment.

Reading tests like the NGRT play a crucial role in education for several reasons:

- **Assessment of Reading Skills:** The NGRT provides us with valuable information about your child's reading abilities, helping us understand their current level of proficiency and track their progress over time. This allows us to tailor teaching to meet their individual needs and provide targeted interventions where necessary.
- **Identification of Strengths and Weaknesses:** By analysing the results of the NGRT, we can identify your child's strengths and areas of improvement in specific areas of reading. This enables us to develop personalised strategies to support their growth and development as readers.
- **Establishment of Reading Age:** Reading tests like the NGRT help establish an accurate reading age for your child, which is an essential metric for assessing their overall literacy skills. A reliable reading age enables us to benchmark your child's performance against national norms and standards, providing valuable insights into their academic progress.
- **Early Intervention and Support:** Early identification of reading difficulties through assessments like the NGRT allows us to intervene promptly and provide targeted support to help your child overcome challenges and reach their full potential as readers. Timely intervention is key to preventing reading difficulties from escalating and ensuring that all students can succeed.

The NGRT is one of the many tools we use to support the learning and development of your child at Hinchingsbrooke.

I encourage you to discuss the upcoming NGRT with your child and reassure them that it is a normal part of their educational journey; in fact, it is a test we conduct annually. In order to be able to use the data this test generates it is important that your child tries their best. We have explained this to them in recent assemblies, and where there are concerns raised by a low test score we will of course be in touch to discuss a way forward.

If you have any questions or concerns about the assessment or your child's reading development, please don't hesitate to reach out to me for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can empower them to become confident and proficient readers.

Warm regards,

Janice Wright – Literacy Lead