



# John Spence

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Dear parents/guardians,

Your child has been selected to take part in our Reciprocal Reading programme for the upcoming academic year.

Your child has not been selected because of any weakness that they have in their reading ability. Instead, the CAT (Cognitive Ability Test) that all students sat over the last few weeks highlighted that your child is one of the top twenty students in Year 7 that has a higher verbal score than non-verbal score. This suggests that they perhaps read and speak more fluently than they understand. Their powers of inference, it is suggested, are not as strong as we would like them to be.

Reciprocal Reading aims to close the gap.

To this end, your child will take part in one or two Reciprocal Reading lessons every two weeks. They will miss regular lessons but core subjects won't be affected.

The nature of the sessions mean that your child will have much more teacher attention as the groups are restricted to a maximum of five students. Together, we will explore a range of texts and work on strategies that will enable the children's ability to 'read between the lines' to progress.

I hope that this proposal meets with your approval. We'll change the time of the sessions at Christmas so that the same lessons aren't regularly missed. Your child will be informed about the location and time of the sessions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me to ask any questions that you may have regarding Reciprocal Reading at John Spence. This is our second year of development and it is an integral part of our whole school 'Communication' programme.

Thanks.

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