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Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to share with you that our students are now able to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks from our exciting new Wheelers ePlatform, until the end of the summer term.

The ePlatform is integrated in our Accessit Library Catalogue, which students can locate through the tringschool.org bookmarks tab on their Chromebook. Our How to Guide is attached with this letter and will also be available on the school website pop up.

The ePlatform library catalogue is full of bestselling, popular fiction titles and will offer students a 24/7, 365 library while our well stocked print library in school is out of action. Students can have 1 eBook title out on loan at any one time, and that title will automatically return after 2 weeks, or students can return them early in order to loan a new book.

We have age rated the books which means students can only read books that are age appropriate. There are also settings that can be customised to enable children who suffer with reading difficulties to enjoy reading without specialised equipment or books. Please let us know if those students affected need help to set up their preferences.

The eBooks can be read on a computer, laptop, Chromebook or through the free App on their tablets or smartphones.

Reading through your web browser on a Chromebook, laptop or computer

The platform has been set up with Single Sign On, which means that for students to access the eBook library they have to login to their Chromebook in their usual way, without needing any further usernames or passwords.

Students can browse the collection or search for a specific book title, author or publisher and loan the book they choose. It is then assigned to them for the 2 week period.

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Reading through the App

To download the App, search "eplatform" in the App store and download. Students will then need to enter their school username and password and, as above, search for a book to read.

Using the App, the books will be temporarily downloaded to the device so children will not need internet connections once the book has been loaned to read so they can read anywhere.

Research has shown that reading for pleasure improves well-being in adults and children and that young people who enjoy reading are three times more likely to read above the level expected for their age than children who don't enjoy reading (30.1% vs 8.1%). Those young people who read daily in their free time are twice as likely to read above the level expected for their age than children who don't read daily (37.6% vs 14.2%). Further research demonstrates that positive engagement with audiobooks can develop reading skills such as decoding and comprehension, while supporting reading enjoyment, wellbeing and emotional intelligence. So please do encourage your child to read for pleasure for at least 20 minutes a day.

Yours faithfully

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