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To: Parents of students in Years ONE, TWO & THREE : **NGRT – NEW GROUP**  
**READING TEST**

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings. Our school will be undertaking the NGRT for students in Years One, Two and Three. We invite you to read on for further information.

**NGRT** is a fully adaptive, standardised, termly reading assessment. As it's adaptive, it offers a personalised experience for each student, ensuring it's accessible for those who are struggling and challenging for those who need to be stretched, so you can get to the root of any problems identified precisely and quickly.

During lockdown, some students will have kept up with their reading while others, with fewer books at home or without access to libraries and school reading programmes, may have stalled. Developing literacy in primary school is key and reading ability is fundamental to a student's ability to access the curriculum in secondary school. So, having a reliable measure of reading ability will be critical in planning catch up as students return to school. In addition, the independent study required by remote learning may have further disadvantaged weaker readers without support at home.

There is no more crucial skill for success in any subject than reading, so being able to accurately assess and monitor this is essential. NGRT is proven to deliver a reliable assessment of reading comprehension, set against national benchmarks. Using it regularly helps to quickly spot problems that will hold back a child's progress, with customised practical classroom solutions for each student and the ability to demonstrate the impact of the interventions you put in place.

We are aiming to schedule these on a Saturday ( date to be announced later ) so that parents can assist **ONLY WITH THE TECHNOLOGY** required for younger children. However we must make it clear that parents must in **NO WAY** assist children with the contents of the test. The rationale to check reading levels is for the sole purpose of helping children where we see gaps

and challenging those with exceptional reading abilities. We therefore ask that **ALL PARENTS** exhibit an **OUTSTANDING ETHICAL APPROACH** while these tests are being administered, even though the child is in your physical space.

The amount to be paid for the NGRT ( as also reflected in your KHDA Parent-School Contract ) is **AED 40/- ONLY**. This amount must be paid only via the **SKIPLY APP** and a soft copy of the receipt must be emailed to the class teacher. **The deadline for payment is 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal)

