

Reading for all

“Reading is the gateway to learning. It is the key to pupils' future academic achievement and well-being. Pupils who struggle to read words accurately quickly fall behind their peers. They read less and do not accumulate the necessary background knowledge and vocabulary from reading.”

Ofsted

At Ravenshall we recognise the importance of reading in enhancing and extending a learner’s overall achievements. We strongly believe that a high-quality reading provision is a focal point to support our overall curriculum intent.

Each class at Ravenshall receives a daily 30-minute reading/phonics session. In the primary department the purpose of these sessions is to facilitate daily phonics sessions for all pupils. All pupils follow the Phonics for SEND scheme.

In the secondary department the purpose of these sessions is to improve pupil achievement through initially developing a passion for reading and increasing our learner’s functional reading skills. This could be achieved through a variety of activities e.g.

- Reading a class story
- Reading and following a set of written instructions
- Reading magazines related to hobbies and interests
- Listening to audio books
- Reading newspapers or news websites
- Independent reading
- Reading or performing a play script as a class

Pupils in the secondary department can also take part in phonics catch up interventions where appropriate.