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Subject: NGRT Reading Assessment

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As part of our commitment to improving the literacy skills of our students, we will be conducting an NGRT assessment of the reading ages of our students.

What is NGRT? The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a computer based formative assessment used to assess a student's reading level. It does not count towards any final grade or mark but helps us understand your child's current ability level compared to the national average. Your child's NGRT result will be reported to you as part of the school report cycle. NGRT allows us to identify students who may benefit from interventions or need further support. The test can be retaken later in the school year to assess progress and intervention effectiveness.

How is NGRT used? Reading skills are crucial for accessing the school curriculum. NGRT provides accurate information about a student's reading level, allowing us to provide targeted support or extension activities. Our goal is to raise reading abilities, which in turn enhances overall curriculum access.

Test Details:

- Format: Short multiple-choice test
- Tasks: Sentence completion and reading comprehension
- Duration: Approximately 30-50 minutes

Preparation: We advise against practicing or training specifically for NGRT to ensure a fair assessment of your child's reading abilities at that moment. There are practice questions within the assessment to familiarise students with the tasks.

If you have any questions about the test, please feel free to reach out to us. Thank you for your support in this important endeavour.

Sincerely,

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