



## Reading Schools Framework

This framework details the Key Areas that we consider crucial to building and sustaining a whole-school reading culture.

**Key Area: All areas**

**Level: Core, Silver, Gold**

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## About this resource

This framework was updated August 2023 to provide greater clarity on key themes.

### About Reading Schools

Research proves that reading for pleasure has positive impacts on learners' attainment across the curriculum, health and wellbeing, critical thinking, creativity, empathy and resilience.

Reading Schools aims to help every school in Scotland build and sustain the **whole-school reading cultures** that foster these impacts.

Reading Schools offers:

- An **accreditation for every school**, recognising the great work you're doing to support reading for pleasure
- A **coherent structure** for all your reading initiatives and activities, providing focused and clear direction
- A framework mapped to HGIOS 4, supporting **school improvement** and HMIE inspections
- Professional **development and leadership** opportunities for your staff

- A way to develop **learner voice**, leadership skills and confidence
- Opportunities for **collaboration** within and between schools
- Pathways to **engaging your families** and the **wider community**
- **Training and support** from Scottish Book Trust for all schools taking part

### This framework

This framework details the Key Areas that we consider crucial to building and sustaining a whole-school reading culture. The Key Areas are mapped against [How Good is Our School? 4](#). Under each of the Key Areas we detail the actions necessary to become a Reading School and advance to Silver and Gold level.

- The Core Reading School accreditation comprises the foundational work key to building a reading culture in school and is focused around reading routines and the school environment.
- Reading School: Silver is based around schools providing additional opportunities to broaden their learners' experiences, such as engaging with authors, visiting libraries, and bringing in other outside expertise.
- Reading School: Gold involves schools sharing the enthusiasm and expertise they have developed as a Reading School with their communities through, for example, working with other schools in their cluster, intergenerational projects in their communities, partnership with local businesses etc.

### Accreditation process

In order to be accredited as a Reading School, a school must provide evidence of how they have achieved the standard described under each of the Key Areas.

- Schools applying for the Core **Reading School** accreditation must provide evidence of how they have achieved the standard described under each of the Key Areas in the first column.
- Schools applying for **Reading School: Silver** must provide evidence of how they have achieved the standard described under each of the Key Areas in first **and** second columns.
- Schools applying for **Reading School: Gold** must provide evidence of how they have achieved the standard described under each of the Key Areas in **all three** columns.

Once awarded, a school's accreditation will last for three years. At the end of this period, schools will need to apply for re-accreditation.

Once an accreditation has been achieved, schools may apply for a new level of accreditation, for example go from Core to Silver or Gold, at any time. If they do this within one year, we will only ask to see evidence for the new level of accreditation.

For example: a Core level school that wished to progress to Silver and applied within a year would not have to resubmit their Core level evidence, they would simply submit their new Silver evidence. If they applied for Silver in years two or three they would need to submit Core AND Silver evidence.

### Using this document

Schools working towards their accreditation may wish to print this document out and use it with their Reading Leadership Group to highlight the actions they have decided to take part in and keep a note of evidence as it is gathered. Remember to consider the core themes under each key area title, these will help you to get a sense of what kind of evidence we are looking for. The Reading Schools website also has great free resources and ideas for each Key Area.

We would encourage schools to submit evidence online as they go along, this makes the final application for accreditation a lot less time consuming for you.

Remember if you have any queries, or are looking for support or advice you can reach out to the central Reading Schools Team at:

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## 1.2 Leadership of Learning

### Key Area 1.2.1 – Reading Leadership Group

Form a reading leadership group who input into your action plan and meet regularly to discuss progress and ideas, ensuring learners are at the heart of your Reading Schools development, all year groups have some sort of representation, staff and learners work together to discuss and implement changes.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>The leadership group <b>must</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include learners and the school librarian, if the school has one. It can also include teachers, support staff and Senior Management Team</li> <li>• Meet regularly to discuss and implement plans</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity.</p>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Gold level we expect Reading Schools to invite families or partners from within the community to join your leadership group, e.g., local public librarian, local bookshop staff, local religious figure, etc</li> </ul>

#### **Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations, including details of who was in the group and how often you met
- Upload a photo of a meeting

## Key Area 1.2.2 – Learner role modelling

Learners visibly sharing reading with each other, peers supporting each other to develop their reading identities, peers sharing reading recommendations.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Learners should act as reading role models in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wearing 'Ask me what I'm reading' badges / lanyards</li> <li>• Talking about reading materials they've read in assembly / at whole-school occasions</li> <li>• Creating learner-led recommendation lists for display</li> <li>• Making learner-led shelf labels or signs</li> <li>• Putting recommendation notes / bookmarks in reading materials</li> <li>• Making recommendation videos</li> <li>• Making book trailers / vlogs</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Learners should support one another in more formal ways in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking part in a paired reading project</li> <li>• Acting as reading mentors</li> <li>• Sharing storytelling videos / activities with reading buddies</li> <li>• Leading a reading club</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and Silver-level activity and:</p> <p>Learners should act as reading role models through interactions with members of the wider community in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being Book Doctors and giving out <i>'prescriptions'</i></li> <li>• Participating in a reading flash mob</li> <li>• Communicating through community media, e.g., local newspaper, radio etc.</li> <li>• Creating reading podcasts / videos to share with the community via social media</li> </ul>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making learner-led reading materials lists for staff</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displaying reading materials they are currently reading / would recommend in their windows</li> </ul>

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations on at least one activity completed per accreditation level
- A few quotes from learners on what they did to role model reading and how it made them feel
- Photos of learners role modelling reading
- For **Gold** level only, detail how the community was involved and what their response was

### Key Area 1.2.3 – Staff being seen as readers themselves

Staff sharing the things they enjoy reading, staff across the school demonstrate how they are readers themselves, the normalisation of reading for pleasure as an activity for everyone.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Staff should act as reading role models in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displaying signs</li> <li>• Wearing lanyards or badges</li> <li>• Talking about reading materials they've read in assembly / at whole-school occasions</li> <li>• Giving learners opportunities to see them reading</li> <li>• Having 'guess the reader' displays with photos of staff favourite reading materials / bookshelves</li> <li>• Taking part in social media reading challenges, e.g., 'post a photo of your reading lunch'</li> </ul>	Sustain Core activity.	Sustain Core activity.



Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing reading materials recommendation videos</li> </ul>		

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations on at least one activity staff completed to role model reading
- A few quotes from staff on what they did to role model reading and what impact it made
- Photos of staff role modelling reading

## Key Area 1.2.4 – Staff development

Ensuring staff across the school understand why reading for pleasure is important, building staff skill in supporting reading for pleasure initiatives.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should support staff development by completing <b>both of the below mandatory actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key contact attending a Reading Schools CLPL session / webinar</li> <li>• Staff are using Scottish Book Trust resources to widen knowledge around reading for pleasure</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Schools should extend staff development by completing the below <b>three mandatory actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involving the staff team / teachers of other subjects / support staff in training around reading for pleasure</li> <li>• Reading more widely about the pedagogy and research around reading for pleasure</li> <li>• Engaging with colleagues and sharing work via social media or face-to-face meetings etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and silver-level activity and:</p> <p>Schools should extend staff development further by completing the below <b>three mandatory actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working in partnership with other schools</li> <li>• Being an ambassador school and welcoming visitors to share practice</li> <li>• Leading a CLPL within your local authority/area or presenting at a shared practice showcase event / Scottish Book Trust webinar</li> </ul>

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations on how you have supported staff development, on all mandatory actions completed per accreditation level
- A few quotes from staff on how their knowledge around reading for pleasure developed

## Key Area 1.2.5 – Staff knowledge of contemporary children’s literature

Developing staff across the school’s knowledge of contemporary children literature, helping staff to be able to recommend and discuss a range of reading materials relevant to the needs, interests and experiences of all their learners.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should make staff aware of contemporary children’s literature by completing the below <b>mandatory action</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making staff aware of contemporary children’s literature through signposting to new book lists and other appropriate resources</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Schools should ensure that staff have access to contemporary children’s literature to read in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inviting your local librarian in to talk to staff about new reading materials available to them and ensuring they have a library card</li> <li>• Gifting contemporary children's reading material to each staff member, encouraging them to share across the team</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and silver-level activity and:</p> <p>Schools should create opportunities for staff to explore, share and discuss contemporary children’s literature in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introducing a staff book club</li> <li>• Providing physical areas for discussion, e.g., an interactive display board in the staff room</li> <li>• Providing online spaces for discussion</li> </ul>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a 'borrow box' in the staff room with regularly updated contemporary children's reading materials</li> <li>• Arranging a staff trip to a local bookshop to speak to booksellers about contemporary children's titles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking part in local authority staff book clubs</li> </ul>

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations on at least one activity completed per accreditation level
- A few quotes from staff on how their knowledge of contemporary children's literature developed
- **Silver** and **Gold** only – Photos of how you ensured access to contemporary children's literature for staff

## 1.3 Leadership of Change

### Key Area 1.3.1 – Whole-school action plan

Submitting an action plan detailing the aims for progressing the reading culture, giving a structure to your Reading Schools development, ensuring learners are fully involved in the choices made, monitoring progress against chosen areas.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
The action plan <b>must</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be agreed by the reading leadership group</li><li>• Confirm that reading for pleasure is a school wide priority, e.g., adding it to the school improvement plan</li><li>• Include plans to check progress</li></ul>	Sustain Core activity.	Sustain Core activity.

**Schools are asked to provide:**

**This is a core part of the Reading School submission process. All schools will need to do this and therefore no further evidence is required.**

## Key Area 1.3.2 – School environment

Creating pleasurable and relaxed areas for reading enjoyment in partnership with learners, demonstrating visually that reading for pleasure has high status in the school.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should provide appealing and relaxing reading areas in collaboration with learners, and use displays to promote reading in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having appealing reading areas throughout the school, e.g., in shared spaces / corridors / within your school library area</li> <li>• Creating classroom book corners / reading areas designed by learners (possibly as part of an enterprise project)</li> <li>• Providing learners with cushions / encouraging them to turn over</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Schools should create opportunities for learners to read outside the classroom in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having reading sessions outdoors</li> <li>• Having reading spaces in the playground, e.g., a reading bench or storytelling chair</li> <li>• Having a playground library</li> <li>• Incorporating reading into breakfast clubs / after-school clubs</li> <li>• Incorporating reading into school events and celebrations</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and Silver-level activity and:</p> <p>Schools should make reading visible in their community in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating displays in community spaces</li> <li>• Introducing a Book Fairies project</li> <li>• Creating book 'pavement quotes' or window signs</li> <li>• Introducing a community Book Trail</li> </ul>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>their chairs and relax when they're reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating themed displays of reading material</li> <li>• Displaying new reading material suggestions, e.g., 'Hot Books' / 'Bookflix'</li> <li>• Having displays about the power of reading</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a community reading area, e.g., a reading bench or garden</li> </ul>

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations on at least one activity completed per accreditation level
- Photos of your reading areas / displays



### Key Area 1.3.3 – National events and celebrations

Build on reading routines to generate excitement around reading by taking part in national reading celebrations and prizes.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
Not required for the Core Reading School accreditation.	<p>Schools should generate excitement around reading by taking part in <b>one of the below initiatives, or in another that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Week Scotland</li> <li>• World Book Day / Night</li> <li>• National Poetry Day</li> <li>• Other local reading events/prizes/festivals</li> <li>• Incorporate reading into other international events/days/celebrations, e.g., Black History Month, International Women’s Day, Empathy Day, Eid, Diwali, Earth Day, Pride Month etc</li> </ul>	Sustain Silver-level activity.

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations including details around what you did
- Photos of your events / initiatives

## 1.5 Management of resources to promote equity

### Key Area 1.5.1 – Access to high-quality reading materials

Ensuring learners have access to a wide variety of up-to-date reading materials relevant to their needs, interests and experiences, encouraging learners to try new things and gathering learners' opinions about the types of reading materials they would like to see in the school.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should make sure that learners have access to contemporary and diverse reading materials relevant to their needs, interests and experiences by completing the below <b>four mandatory actions</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing learners with access to a school or public library – this could take the form of class / group book boxes or a 'personal shopping experience' using library catalogues</li> <li>• Involving learners in the auditing and selection of books and other reading materials</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Schools should extend access to contemporary reading materials by completing the below <b>mandatory action</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing all learners with the opportunity to join the local public library for access to books, other reading materials, eBooks and audiobooks</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and Silver-level activity.</p>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regularly updating reading materials to ensure they are contemporary, diverse and relevant to the needs, interests, languages, cultural identity and experiences of learners</li> <li>• Encouraging learners to broaden their reading experience through a wide variety of genres (you could use Bookzilla App on iPads)</li> </ul>		

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations including details around what you did on all mandatory actions per accreditation level
- A few quotes from learners across the school around their thoughts on the reading materials available to them
- Photos demonstrating the variety of reading materials you provide

## 2.2 Curriculum

### Key Area 2.2.1 – Regular opportunities to read for pleasure

Ensuring that regular reading for pleasure takes place, reading is integrated into the school day/week and not just used to fill time or to reward good work, demonstrating that reading is considered important within the school.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should ensure that all learners have regular time to read texts of their own choosing in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having regular reading at registration / transition times / other times as appropriate</li> <li>• Holding spontaneous DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read)</li> <li>• Including reading for pleasure time in home learning</li> </ul>	Sustain Core activity.	Sustain Core activity.

#### **Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations including details of how much time per week is allocated for learners across the school to read texts of their own choosing

### Key Area 2.2.2 – Interdisciplinary book projects

Ensuring that readers are able to respond to books in creative and cross-curricular ways and demonstrating to learners that reading for pleasure is relevant and useful outside of literacy / English.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should use book projects to inspire classes to read by completing the below <b>mandatory action</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary</b> – ensuring every learner does one interdisciplinary project per year</li> <li>• <b>Secondary</b> – ensuring every learner in S1–3 does one project per year (this can be in English lessons)</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Schools should extend their book projects by completing the below <b>mandatory action</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary</b> – providing an opportunity for classes to share their book projects across the school</li> <li>• <b>Secondary</b> – introducing one cross-curricular project per year involving other subject departments or external creative practitioners</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and Silver-level activity.</p>

#### **Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations including details of what you did on all mandatory actions completed per accreditation level
- Photos or examples of learners' work from different classes

## 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

### Key Area 2.3.1 – Modelling reading behaviours

Facilitating opportunities for learners to hear stories being read aloud, modelling of reading mechanics for inexperienced readers and allowing access to texts currently beyond their reading level, group immersion in great stories/texts and opportunities for discussion and new book discovery.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>At <b>primary level</b> schools should complete the below <b>mandatory action</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class teachers to be routinely reading aloud to their class</li> </ul> <p>At <b>secondary level</b> we recognise that it may be logistically difficult for staff to routinely read aloud to learners, but would like to see evidence of staff supporting learners to access the joy of reading and stories in one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</p>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary only</b> – we expect schools to be inviting members of the community in to read, e.g., mystery readers, public library staff, sportspeople, local figures, other role models etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and Silver (Primary) activity.</p>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers reading aloud to learners when possible</li> <li>• Sharing stories / reading aloud to learners online</li> <li>• Providing access to audiobooks, videos etc.</li> <li>• Holding special storytelling events</li> </ul>		

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations, including details of what is being provided to learners across the school, on at least one activity completed per accreditation level
- Primary **Silver** and **Gold** only – Photos of members of the community reading to learners



### Key Area 2.3.2 –Staff led meaningful conversations around books

Getting to know learners reading habits and preferences, ensuring staff are able to recommend a range of relevant reading, developing staff-learner book-centred dialogue, encouraging learners to try new things.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Staff should ensure they know about learners' interests and have regular conversations with them about their personal reading in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chatting with individual learners during whole-class reading time / other times as appropriate</li> <li>• Supporting individual learners with strategies for choosing reading material they might like during library periods</li> <li>• Providing regular reading recommendations for individual learners in line with their interests</li> </ul>	Sustain Core activity.	Sustain Core activity.

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations, including details of how staff across the school are finding out about learners' interests, making book recommendations and encouraging them to try new things
- A few quotes from learners across the school around how conversations with staff have supported them to read for pleasure

### Key Area 2.3.3 – Creating learner social networks

Developing peer-to-peer reading chat, encouraging learners to discuss and evaluate texts amongst themselves, developing individual reading identities and helping learners to share reading materials they enjoy.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should allocate time for all learners to chat about reading materials with each other in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a set time for peer discussion following ERIC time / other times as appropriate</li> <li>• Introducing book speed-dating</li> <li>• Playing Book Jenga to spark conversations around books</li> <li>• Pairing up learners to chat about what they are currently reading – this could include famous character duo cards to randomise pairings</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Schools should give learner social networks more formal structures in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offering interest-based clubs or groups during break times / free lessons / breakfast or after school clubs, e.g. reluctant readers, manga group, ASN, poetry groups, non-fiction, Sci-Fi, EAL etc.</li> <li>• Holding regular reading networking events for learners, e.g., a reading café or reading quiz</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and Silver-level activity.</p>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosting online book club sessions – these could include learners from other schools</li> <li>• Providing book club boxes for learners to take home, including a shared notebook for comments / questions</li> </ul>	

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations, including details of when and how often learners have the opportunity to chat about books and reading with each other, on at least one activity completed per accreditation level
- Photos of group / club meetings

### Key Area 2.3.4 – Opportunities for learners to respond to what they’re reading

Allowing learners to express and share what they think about their reading and creative expression of individual reading identities.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should allow all learners to respond to what they’re reading in a variety of engaging and innovative / creative ways that best suit their needs in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading journal / drawing</li> <li>• Blog / vlog / book trailer</li> <li>• Social media post</li> <li>• Book review / recommendation for school newspaper / website</li> <li>• Creative writing piece</li> <li>• Use of expressive arts, e.g., drama, music, dance etc.</li> <li>• Enterprise project, e.g., creating a school recipe book based on favourite books</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity.</p>	<p>Sustain Core activity.</p>

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations, including details of what activities were carried out
- Photos or examples of learners' work

### Key Area 2.3.5 – Access to authors

Giving all learners the opportunity to engage with authors (writers, illustrators or storytellers).

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
Not required for the Core Reading School accreditation.	<p>Schools should give all learners the opportunity to engage with authors (writers, illustrators or storytellers) in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watching Authors Live (Live or On Demand)</li> <li>• Arranging an author visit or residency</li> <li>• Attending / taking part in an online book festival or other book-related event</li> <li>• Hosting / watching online Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour events</li> </ul>	Sustain Silver-level activity.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="875 256 1406 400">• Taking part in an online book chat with an author / illustrator or storyteller</li> </ul>	

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations, including details of the author events learners have engaged with
- Photos of author events



## 2.5 Family Learning

### Key Area 2.5.1 – Raising the profile of reading with families

Family engagement, encouraging reading at home, helping parents to see the value of reading for pleasure, offering access to books at home.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should engage with learners' families to promote reading for pleasure by completing the below <b>three mandatory actions</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing access to reading materials to take home / encouraging families to join their local library for access to books, other reading materials, eBooks and audiobooks</li> <li>• Engaging with families about the school's reading projects and incorporating fun reading activities into home learning as appropriate</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Schools should offer further opportunities to promote reading for pleasure to families in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding special events, e.g., an evening reading by the campfire</li> <li>• Involving families in reading celebrations</li> <li>• Inviting families to attend / take part in online author events, e.g., Authors Live or virtual book festival</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and Silver-level activity and:</p> <p>Schools should actively encourage learners' families to take part in reading for pleasure activities to build their confidence and skills in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding book clubs for families in school / online</li> <li>• Having lending libraries for adults, e.g., in the reception area</li> <li>• Running workshops for families, e.g., Read, Write, Count or other literacy initiatives</li> </ul>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary only</b> – making the most of the P1 Bookbug Family Bag and Read Write Count initiatives by sharing resources and encouraging the use of the bags at home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary only</b> – Inviting families into school for P1 Bookbug Family Bag and Read Write Count gifting events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating recommended reading lists for families, consulting with them on the types of reading materials they would like to try</li> <li>• Encouraging families with EAL to contribute to reading lists in their own language</li> </ul>

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations, on all mandatory actions completed per accreditation level
- A few quotes from families that attended the events / took part in the initiatives
- Primary only: photos of family events / initiatives

## 2.7 Partnerships

### Key Area 2.7.1 – Partnerships within local community

Building sustainable partnerships in the local community, sharing the benefits of reading for pleasure, sharing the expertise they have built over the course of their reading for pleasure journey.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
Not required for the Core Reading School accreditation.	Not required at Silver level.	<p>Schools should build sustainable partnerships within their community, sharing expertise in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with the local public library on a joint project, e.g., a community reading club</li> <li>• Partnering with a local bookshop on a joint project, e.g., community reading picnics</li> <li>• Working with a local business to encourage customers to read, e.g., a ‘read while you wait’ initiative at the hairdressers</li> </ul>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnering with a college / university on a joint project, e.g., a reading outdoors campaign</li> <li>• Working with a third sector organisation on a joint project, e.g., a reading pen-pal initiative with a local care home</li> </ul>

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations, including of details of who you partnered with and your project
- A few quotes from partners on the impact the project had on them
- Photos of your project

## 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement

### Key Area 3.2.1 – Rewarding progress and recognising personal achievements

Generating excitement around reading for pleasure, demonstrating to learners that ‘success’ is different for each person, highlighting the quality and diversity rather than the quantity of reading, ensuring learners feel valued.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should reward the progress of individual learners in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presenting certificates</li> <li>• Awarding small prizes such as bookmarks, stickers etc.</li> <li>• Awarding points through the school's individual rewards system</li> <li>• Having class / school awards to recognise effort, e.g. 'reader of the week' or 'reader who has made the most recommendations' etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core activity and:</p> <p>Schools should celebrate reading in wider groups or as a whole-school in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding a prize-giving assembly</li> <li>• Having a reading party</li> <li>• Inviting learners to a Book Bistro / other reading event</li> <li>• Gifting books, e.g., for Christmas or birthdays</li> </ul>	<p>Sustain Core and Silver-level activity and:</p> <p>Schools should widen celebrations to include the community in <b>one of the below ways, or in another way that suits their setting</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inviting members of the community to take part in celebrations in school</li> <li>• Holding an event in a community venue</li> <li>• Holding a joint event with a partner</li> </ul>

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1491 256 2018 400">• Celebrating learner achievements in community spaces, e.g., Social media / local paper etc.</li> </ul>

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Comments or observations on how you rewarded the progress of individual learners, on at least one activity completed per accreditation level
- Photos showing how you have celebrated the reading achievements of learners' across the school

### Key Area 3.2.2 – Monitoring progress

Gathering meaningful starting point data so you can compare changes later, gathering data about the impact of the initiatives, gathering learners, staff and parental viewpoints, monitoring and adapting activities.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold
<p>Schools should track their progress by completing the below <b>three mandatory actions</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using the Reading Schools attitude surveys to assess and monitor learners' interests, engagement and confidence within reading for pleasure</li><li>• Monitoring the impact of your Reading Schools programme in ways most suited to your setting and activities</li><li>• Taking part in Scottish Book Trust evaluation, which will be sent to you once your accreditation has been confirmed</li></ul>	Sustain Core activity.	Sustain Core activity.

Reading School	Reading School: Silver	Reading School: Gold

**Schools are asked to provide:**

- Confirm you have used the Reading Schools attitude surveys
- Comments or observations on how you have monitored the impact of your Reading Schools programme
- Confirm you will take part in the Scottish Book Trust evaluation you will receive once your accreditation has been confirmed