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Dear Parents,

Through our affiliation to the Hampshire School Library Service, I am delighted to share with you our school's eBook Platform. The platform has been set up in a hub and spoke arrangement, with a large central collection of books and audio books, sitting at the hub, and we, the schools, set up as the spokes. The central hub collection is the largest and broadest education consortium platform in the UK. As an affiliated school we, both pupils and staff alike, will have access to the entire collection.

The main use of the platform will be to encourage reading for pleasure, but teachers will also have the ability to display eBooks electronically on an interactive whiteboard in their classrooms.

The platform works through any web browser on a PC or Mac, as well as through an app on any mobile device or tablet.

The eBook platform is cloud-based and is provided by Wheelers. All schools are required to have an e-safety policy set up, and Hampshire County Council has been instrumental in advising and overseeing the set-up of the platform.

It is envisaged that the majority of downloading and reading will take place at home. Pupils will not be allowed to contravene existing school rules regarding visible mobile phones during the school day, but they are more than welcome to read on them in their own time, on the bus for example.

While the platform in no way replaces physical books (which many people prefer to read, anyway) it will provide an additional source of reading material for our pupils, and will provide a useful tool for our SEN department.

Rest assured that all the content available to borrow is thoroughly vetted by librarians at the Hampshire School Library Service and that all material is age appropriate.

Pupils can go directly to the platform via the button on their launch pad. To download to a mobile device, search your playstore for "ePlatform by Wheelers Books". The school to select is "Kings' School Winchester" – watch out, there are lots of schools with the word 'Kings' in their name, but only one in Winchester! Pupils then log in with their usual school username and the password **Library1** and then it's over to you – and them – to enjoy reading. Once they have created an account they can change the generic password by going to My Account – Password – Change your account Password.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me by emailing me at the school.

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