Dear Parents & Carers

There are currently a number of different Parenting Programmes running which may be of interest to you. I have listed the information below.

- **SOLIHULL PARENTING PROGRAMMES**

The Public Health Agency (PHA) has prepaid access to a range of online Solihull Parenting Programmes for residents in NI (until October 2022), and want to make parents/carers aware of this resource.

- Getting Ready to Learn

There are a variety of courses starting from pregnancy to teenagers, you may wish to access this information from the 'Getting Ready to Learn website'

- **Parenting NI** -Parenting NI Phone Number 0808 8020 400   www.parentingni.org
- The Power of The Parent Child Relationship - Wednesday 16th March, 10am - 11am
- Establishing Boundaries and Routines – Monday 21st March, 10am – 11am
- Internet Safety –Wednesday 30th March, 10am – 11am

• **Text help Read & Write (**literacy support software for use at home as well as in school)

This software can help pupils develop their literacy skills and support curricular access. It is most suitable for pupils from **KS2 through to the end of post-primary school**. However, the software can also be used in third level education or technical colleges and even into full-time employment. Available for home use on any device your pupil uses, the software is available for **free download** on stand-alone devices in your school and can now also be used at home for homework and study. Read & Write is a piece of software that works as a 'toolbar' in conjunction with familiar tools such as Microsoft Word, Google Docs and web browsers. It offers a range of powerful support tools to help pupils gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research:

●**Text-to-Speech** reads words, passages, or whole documents aloud with easy-to-follow dual colour highlighting

●**Text & Picture Dictionaries** provide definitions and displays images to help with word comprehension

●**Talk & Type** turns the spoken word into text, to assist with writing, proof reading and studying

●**Word prediction** offers suggestions for the current or next word to build writing skills

●**Collect Highlights** from text in documents or the web for summarising research and to create bibliographies

• **Audio Maker** converts selected text into an audio file, and automatically downloads

• **Simplify** text on web pages to remove ads and other content that can be distracting

• **Translate** single words or paragraphs of text into many different languages and hear them read aloud

Getting set up with Read & Write

Visit Literacy support for students in N. Ireland Supporting students in Northern Ireland | Texthelp where you will find step by step guides on how to install the software and get signed in using your child's C2K email address (@c2ken) and password. You can download the software on up to five devices with Windows, Chrome, Mac and iPad all supported. Always use the pupil's **C2k email account** information when logging into Read & Write software with one minor amendment. For example, another 123@c2kni.net is representative of your child's C2k email address, but when entering to down load the software, you need to make a slight change and type in another123@c2k**en**.net.

For any questions or queries, please contact Ciarna Wilkinson, Deputy Head of the Literacy Service (Locality South West), at Ciarna.Wilkinson@eani.org.uk.

Click here for more information on EA's Literary Service. EALS Poster_0.pdf (eani.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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