



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together, succeeding together

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As your child has been out of school for so long, we have purchased a new online reading service which your child can access on any device. This is a super program which will support the children whatever level they are currently reading at through providing lots of fun things to read and games to play. This is something we are going to continue into next year for home and in school learning to help them catch up. The program is called Lexia® Core5® Reading. It is a fun computer-based program that has helped millions of pupils. The activities in Core5 support and build on our classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

## Here's how Lexia Core5 Reading works:

- When you first **log into your child's account**, they will be given a series of activities to complete which helps **assess** the level they are working at. It is important that they complete this **totally independently** without help. It does not tell them if they get things right or wrong so they don't need to worry if they don't know the answer, they can just try their best. It will start hard but get easier until they reach activities they can complete and get right so they end with a huge success. They will then log out and the program will put them on the correct level for them.
- Your child begins Core5 at a starting point that fits his or her needs and works on online activities throughout the week. They are told a level but this is not linked to any ages or year groups specifically.
- Online activities include direct instruction and feedback as your child learns new skills.
- Progress and performance in the program is reported so teachers can provide help when needed.
- Paper-and-pencil activities are also used for practice and may be done in school or brought home.
- Achievement certificates may be sent home to celebrate success and to show progress in the program (this is something we will look into once they return to school).
- The program works best if they try to do **up to 1 hour a day's learning**; this will be easy home learning for you at home!

## Getting started is easy!

1. To use on a computer or a non Apple device, go to [www.lexiacore5.com](http://www.lexiacore5.com).
2. To use on an iPad, download the free **Lexia Core5 Reading UK app** from the App Store. (iPad support is limited to these devices: iPad 4+, iPad Mini 3+, iPad Air+, and iPad Pro.)
3. The first time your child uses Core5, you may need to enter the teacher email which is: **lexia@dashwood.com**. Please note this is not an email address to use for communication, it is only for logging on.)
4. Your child can then log in with their **personal username and password** which will be sent to you via a text.
5. It is important that your child works **without any help** while using Core5. All of the work your child does at home is recorded and reported to school. Their achievements are celebrated and the work is adapted automatically if they are finding it too difficult. This way, teachers can see when help is needed and provide additional instruction at school.



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We hope you share in our excitement about this program as we know that working an hour a day on this will have a huge impact on their success in transition to Year 6.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ARogers". The letters are cursive and connected, with a large 'A' and 'R'.

Amy Rogers

Principal