



ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

Silver Stories is a simple but effective way of creating intergenerational contact by connecting Silver Readers (young readers) with Silver Listeners (older less able and usually isolated members of society).

By taking part as a Silver Listener you are giving consent for your name and contact number to be shared either with a school or with a parent of a Silver Reader. These details will be kept in a Silver Stories database which is only accessed by the creators of Silver Stories, Elisabeth and David Carney-Haworth OBE. If you decide to stop taking part in Silver Stories and you contact us to inform us of this decision, we will then remove your contact details from the database.

By taking part as the parent/carer of a Silver Reader you are giving consent for your name and your child's name to be shared with a Silver Listener. These details will be kept in a Silver Stories database which is only accessed by the creators of Silver Stories, Elisabeth and David Carney-Haworth OBE. If you decide to stop taking part in Silver Stories and you contact us to inform us of this decision, we will then remove your contact details from the database.

THE PROCESS

1. The Silver Listeners will have already been in touch with Silver Stories and provided their name and telephone number.
2. The parent or responsible adult of a Silver Reader will provide a contact name, telephone number and email address together with the name of the Silver Reader to Silver Stories.
3. Silver Stories will exchange the name and contact number of the Silver Listener with the Silver Reader's parent/ responsible adult/school.
4. The parent/ responsible adult/school is asked to make an initial contact with the Silver Listener to arrange a regular time and day for the Silver Reader to read a story or poem.

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We have had some queries and have included these questions and the answers, just in case they are helpful for you

Q. What information should be shared?

A. It is important that no other personal details apart from name and telephone numbers are shared between Silver Readers or Silver Listeners, this is to safeguard both the Silver Listener and Silver Reader, but there is a brief introductory chat at the beginning and then end of the call.

Q. How often should a Silver Reader read to the Silver Listener?

A. We recommend that contact should be once a week at a regular time, for example every Monday at 2pm.

Q. How long should the Silver Reader read for?

A. The Silver Reader should usually read for approximately 10 minutes at any one time.

Q. Can I read a long story to the Silver Listener?

A. If the reader wants to share a longer story then this would be spread across several calls, remember reading is generally for no more than 10 minutes. It may be that they share a chapter on each phone call.

Q. When the Silver Reader finishes their first story can they start a new story or does the contact stop?

A. The contact between the Silver Reader and Silver Listener can last literally for many months or years and the Listener and reader will share many stories together.





Q. On the Silver Stories website there is a resources page with certificates ,what are these for?

A. We have created a reading record so that you can write down each time you have read a story or poem with your ‘Silver Listener’, after each ten reads the child can access a certificate. If the child wishes, these reading records can be shared with the child’s school.

Q. When can I download a certificate?

A. When you have read to your Silver Listener on 10 occasions you can download a certificate to celebrate your reading and show how much joy you have brought to your Silver Listener. There is a different certificate for each accumulated 10 reads.

Q. How many certificates can I download?

A. Each time you read for another 10 times you can download more certificates, showing up to a 100 reads.

Q. What can I do with the certificates?

A. When you go into school you can take the reading record and certificates with you to celebrate what you have been reading, you can put them up in your bedroom or on the fridge! Display them with pride.

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