

Dear Parent/Carer,

NGRT Testing

At Pool Hayes Academy we conduct NGRT testing. NGRT stands for the **New Group Reading Test**. It's a standardised assessment used in many UK secondary schools to measure a student's reading ability. Students read questions on a screen and choose answers, so it's not like a traditional written exam. The results are compared to national averages, which helps schools see how a child's reading level compares to others of the same age. Schools don't use NGRT to "pass or fail" students. Instead, it helps us to support learning more effectively.

The NGRT test typically takes 25-35 minutes to complete

It's important that your child takes the NGRT seriously and works through the questions carefully, as the test is used to understand their current reading ability. If they rush, guess randomly, or don't complete it properly, the results may not reflect what they can actually do. This can lead to teachers underestimating their reading level, which in turn affects the support and level of challenge they receive in school.

We encourage you to speak to your child about the test beforehand and explain why it is important. Reassure them that it is not something to worry about or be nervous about, but an opportunity to show what they can do. Encourage them to take their time, read each question carefully, and try their best. Taking the time to complete the test properly ensures we have an accurate picture of their reading ability, so we can provide the right level of challenge and support to help them make the best possible progress.

If you have any questions, please do contact me at cassie.pearson@attrust.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



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