



### ***Leading in Reading in association with University Centre Shrewsbury***

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Shropshire Bookfest Leading in Reading Ambassador school.

Please read the following and the *Guidance Notes* to establish whether your school meets the criteria to be considered as a Shropshire Bookfest Leading in Reading school.

The aim of the scheme is to recognise and showcase Shropshire primary schools that embrace Shropshire Bookfest's school based projects, demonstrate that promoting reading for pleasure is central to their policy and that it forms an important part of the school improvement strategy. In order for your school to apply and be considered for this award, you will need to:

- Complete and return a brief explanation, in no more than 1000 words, detailing examples of the work that is being carried out to support, develop and enhance a love of reading in your school. (Please see attached guidance notes).
- Demonstrate clearly why your school should be considered to become a Shropshire Bookfest Ambassador School.

Should your application meet the criteria, we and representatives from the University Centre Shrewsbury (Education and/or English Literature faculties) would arrange to visit your school to discuss your work and experience what is happening in your school. This visit would take no more than an hour during the school day at a time to suit you best.

During this visit, we would welcome the opportunity to chat to the teacher responsible for reading in the curriculum and to you, if possible. Ideally during this visit we'd also like to see what is going on around the school and to speak to some of your pupils.

Presentation of the Leading in Reading Award(s) to the successful school/schools would be made at the next public facing event by Shropshire Bookfest such as its annual conference for teachers in November or the awards ceremony at Theatre Severn for the bi-annual Book Award project.

The Leading in Reading Ambassador Award is valid for three years, after which time schools will be invited to reapply to ensure that their policies and strategies for promoting reading for pleasure continue to be evident.



## Leading in Reading Ambassador School Award Application Guidance Notes

Essential	Desired
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have taken part in a minimum of three Bookfest projects in the past three years with both Key Stages (if applicable). e.g. BIG Book Award (KS2)     PICTURE Book Award (KS1)     Readers to Writers – Creative Writing Project (All)</li> <li>Evidence of an inclusive approach to running a reading project across the school.</li> <li>Have an active school library.</li> <li>Demonstrate commitment to providing pupils with a wide range of quality, contemporary and classic reading material that is regularly reviewed and refreshed.</li> <li>Demonstrate that ‘Reading for Pleasure’ has its own ‘place’ within the curriculum and the school day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in Bookfest competitions in support of reading projects/strategies.</li> <li>Staff demonstrate and share their own engagement with and love of reading.</li> <li>Authors are reached out to and encouraged to visit school.</li> <li>Parents and family are actively involved and supported in the promotion of reading for pleasure.</li> <li>Reading for pleasure is seen and evidenced across the whole curriculum.</li> <li>Demonstrate a working partnership with the wider community to promote reading for pleasure.</li> </ul>

**You may choose to use the following headings to help to demonstrate how your school approaches the development and nurturing of a love for reading for pleasure.**

- Whole school vision, policy and strategy.
- Reading Promotion.
- Reading Events and groups.
- School Library.
- Impact.
- Family Involvement.
- Community Involvement.

**You may also submit up to 3 supporting materials.**

e.g.

- Documents
- Photographs
- Video