**READING TOGETHER 1st STEPS – PARENT GROUPS – Appendix 14**

School Address Date

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Reading Together 1st Steps Project – Primary One**

We would like to offer you the opportunity to take part in a joint initiative between home and school. As a school we are very interested in developing children’s enjoyment of books and early reading skills. We intend to offer a series of sessions to all parents of our P1 children after the October holiday.

The project is designed to help you understand how children learn to read and gives you advice on how best to help your child get the most out of books. The project is fun and no one should feel nervous about coming to school to take part.

Over a period of four weeks you will find out what it can be like learning to read from a child’s point of view, and some things you can do to help the process along. At the end of each meeting your child will join you to select a book for pleasure to share at home for the following week. Children love this. They also see that school and home work together, and that if you are willing to give up your time to come into school, then what happens in school must be important. Getting reading right from the start can make a huge difference to children’s confidence in the classroom generally not just for now, but for many years to come.

Meetings will take place on ***day*** from ***time*** till ***time***, starting on ***date***.

If you would like to take part in this programme, complete the tear off slip below and return it to the school by ***date***.

Yours sincerely

Head Teacher

……………………………………………………………………………………………

I am interested in taking part in the Reading Together Project for primary three children.

Child’s Name…………………………………. Signed…………………………