

OWN BOOKS[©]

An innovative book recycling project to help young children without books have their own books at home.



The Project Aims To...

1. Encourage young children to develop an early love of books and reading through choosing and having their own books at home.
2. Allow children to select books to take home when it suits them.
3. Avoid any need to buy, or obligation to return, the books.
4. Remove any stress and financial constraints on parents over acquisition of books.
5. Encourage parents to read with their children at home.

How to set up your school with Own Books

- Find bookcase in a suitable location for the books. We suggest a common space, like a hallway or entrance, where students can stop to browse.
- Schedule an introductory assembly session with one of our coordinators, who will explain the scheme to students and staff. This will also be the initial deposit of books.
- Appoint an adult volunteer / parent / PTA member to oversee, collect, and source books from local charity shops and our Room 440 repository. A list of charity shops and their contact details will be provided, and are also available on our website.
- Appoint responsible student book monitors to label, sort, and stock shelves with incoming books.

There is a voluntary one time set-up fee of £85, which is optional as we do not wish to exclude any school from the scheme.

Continuation and Maintenance

We encourage the students to 'morph' or evolve the scheme entirely for their own enjoyment and benefit, and for the school to support the students in this. While we are happy to provide support for the first year of the scheme, we hope that the school will maintain it independently after that.

Contact Information

Most questions should be answerable by the coordinator assigned to your school. Other questions can be addressed to contact@ownbooks.co.uk or by calling **Julie de Bastion** (Founder of Own Books) at **01564 795071**.

Flyers and labels can be downloaded from ownbooks.co.uk/downloads .

For any other information, please visit ownbooks.co.uk

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