

BOOK FRIEND

How BookFriend Grows

The book changes because childhood changes.

A journey, not a snapshot

BookFriend is designed to travel through childhood rather than capture only one stage of it. The experience can begin simply, grow alongside school life, give the young person increasing independence, and ultimately leave them with a collection that is theirs.

PRIMARY	SECONDARY	GROWING INDEPENDENCE	ADULTHOOD
A supported beginning. Learning, creativity, achievements and meaningful moments begin to form the first books.	The bookshelf grows as school life becomes broader, interests develop and the young person's own voice becomes stronger.	Permissions and involvement evolve with age. The young person takes an increasingly active role in their own story.	The destination is ownership: the childhood bookshelf becomes the young adult's record to carry forward.

The early books

In the younger years, adults naturally provide more support. Parents or carers and teachers can help recognise learning, achievements and moments worth preserving, while the child begins contributing their own words, work and memories.

Growing through school

As each school year passes, another part of the story is created. Changing classes, teachers or schools should not mean starting the child's history again. The bookshelf is intended to provide continuity while each year's book keeps its own place in the journey.

More voice, more independence

A teenager should not experience BookFriend in exactly the same way as a young child. As the young person matures, the design should recognise their developing capacity, privacy and choices, with adult involvement changing appropriately alongside them.

The handover

At the end of the school journey, teacher access and parental administrative involvement are intended to end. The young adult becomes the person in control of their childhood bookshelf - able to revisit the books that were built around them and decide how their story continues.

A lifelong beginning

BookFriend does not treat eighteen as the end of the story. It is the point where a supported childhood record becomes an adult's own collection: a foundation they can keep, revisit and carry into the next part of life.

Supported while growing. Fully theirs as an adult.

Every year becomes a book. Every book becomes part of their story.