

FAQs

Discontinuation of national support from October 2025

Why have you discontinued national support for Reading Friends?

Unfortunately, we have been unable to source funding to support the continued delivery of Reading Friends and have had to make the difficult decision to pause all national support for the time being. We know the programme has a positive impact on those involved and we are looking at options for future development.

Do you still expect us to send in our Performance Monitoring Form for 2024/25?

Yes, Reading Friends is running as normal until the end of the 2024/25 subscription year, and we would appreciate your Performance Monitoring Forms. We will still be providing an evaluation overview and summaries for the year. If you have any questions contact readingfriends@readingagency.org.uk

Can we continue to run Reading Friends and do we need to inform The Reading Agency?

Yes, library authorities can continue to deliver Reading Friends locally. If you do continue to deliver Reading Friends, please let us know via readingfriends@readingagency.org.uk

Can we still access/use Reading Friends training and resources?

Yes, access to Reading Friends training and resources will continue via the [website](#). If you are continuing Reading Friends and have staff/volunteers who need access or are having any issues accessing resources, contact readingfriends@readingagency.org.uk.

Can we continue to use the Reading Friends name and/or logo?

Yes, you can continue to use the name and logo.

What will happen with evaluation?

Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to collect and report on individual site data for 2025/26. However, we have updated the [Performance Monitoring Form](#) which you can use going forward. The form no longer includes dates for submission and the data collection is based on entering monthly data.

Can you connect me with other Reading Friends sites?

Yes, if you would like to connect with other Reading Friends sites please email readingfriends@readingagency.org.uk by the end of September 2025 and we will circulate a mailing list.

We haven't delivered Reading Friends in 2024/25, but want to run it during 2025/26 – what should we do?

Please contact readingfriends@readingagency.org.uk in the first instance.