



# *student2student* Reader Parent/ Guardian Information Sheet



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## How does the *student2student* program work?

The Smith Family's *student2student* program matches an older student (the Buddy) with your child (the Reader) to help improve their reading and confidence.

Your child will be reading for 18 weeks with their Buddy, 2-3 times per week for a minimum of 20 minutes each time.

## What does my child use during the reading sessions?

There are three ways your child can participate in the program.

1. **Digital Model** – a computer, laptop or tablet logged into the Chatty Kids website where they will read from a range of different electronic books
2. **Mobile Model** – a mobile phone (provided by The Smith Family) and books sent from The Smith Family
3. **Landline Model** - using a landline phone and books sent from The Smith Family

## What do I need to do?

- Assist your child with setting up their first reading session by responding to the Buddy Parent's call or text. They will introduce themselves and confirm reading times with you.
- Keep The Smith Family updated when we call to check in on how the program is going for your child.
- Encourage your child to complete the full 18-week program and participate fully during each session.
- Help your child prepare for their reading sessions, making sure they are in a quiet, comfortable space.
- Contact your Buddy's parent/ guardian if you need to change a session time, giving as much notice as possible.
- Contact The Smith Family Program Specialist with any questions or concerns (details below)
  - If you need translation and interpretation support your Program Specialist can organise this for you.

## Child Protection & Privacy

The Smith Family takes seriously our responsibility to always provide safe environments for the children and young people participating in our programs. To ensure your child is kept safe as a Reader:

- It is important that you or another adult are in the room when the sessions are taking place.
- Your Child and their Buddy only share their first name.
- Your child can share their interests and hobbies with their Buddy.
- Your child cannot share their last name, the school they go to or where they live.
- Your child cannot meet their Buddy in person.

## What if there is a problem?

- If you have not heard from your child's Buddy, contact the Parent/ Guardian of the Buddy (you can find their contact details in the Welcome email or Welcome letter)
- If there are any further issues, call, or text the Program Specialist. Details will be provided separately.