ROTARY LITERACY INITIATIVE • DICTIONARY 4 LIFE

Information & FAQs for Headteachers

Gifting every pupil their own personal illustrated dictionary to support reading & vocabulary

Through the **Dictionary 4 Life** project, local Rotary Clubs partner with primary schools to provide upper-primary pupils with their own *Usborne Illustrated Dictionary* to use in class and take home to keep—at no cost to the school or families.

1. Is there any cost to the school or parents?

No. Every dictionary is 100% funded and gifted by your local Rotary Club. There is no cost to the school, pupils, or families, and no obligation to fundraise or make future purchases.

2. Which year group is the dictionary designed for?

The *Usborne Illustrated Dictionary* is tailored for upper primary pupils—we prefer to give the dictionaries to pupils in Year 6 at the end of the school year before they move to secondary school. However, the dictionaries can be used as a classroom resource with Year 4, Year 5, or Year 6 (ages 8–11). Your local Rotary Club can work with whichever year group best fits the school.

3. Do the children get to keep the dictionaries?

Yes. Each book includes a dedicated space inside the front cover for the child to write their name, their classmates, and their teacher. This gives every pupil a personal reference book as a great keepsake or to support their learning in class and at home.

4. How much of our timetable does this take up?

As little or as much as you like. A typical presentation takes place during an assembly or classroom visit. If your timetable is tight, club members are equally happy to deliver the books to reception for staff to hand out.

5. What about safeguarding and visitor procedures?

Rotary members will follow all of your school's standard visitor policies, including signing in at reception, wearing visitor badges, and remaining supervised by school staff at all times during any visit.

6. Are there any promotional strings attached?

No. While each book features a small Rotary bookplate inside the cover acknowledging the local club's gift, there is no sales pitch or recruitment involved. Any photos for newsletters or local press will strictly follow your school's media and parental consent rules.

7. What do we need to do to take part?

It would be nice to have a quick meeting, but if this is not possible, then simply confirm your chosen year group and approximate pupil headcount with your Rotary contact, and agree on a convenient date nearer the time of delivery.

Your Local Rotary Club Contact

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