**Celebrate World Book Day 2020 with Read Manchester!**

Read Manchester are looking for 15 schools to be part of our fantastic Share a Story Live event with five amazing children’s authors/illustrators on World Book Day, Thursday 5 March, 2020! Up to 1,000 children will Share a Story in the very centre of the Velodrome cycle track where Team GB are training for the Tokyo Olympics.

To apply, please complete this form and return by **20 December** to [m.duff@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:m.duff@manchester.gov.uk). You will hear if your school has been offered a place by **8 January**.

Please consider these details before applying:

* The event starts promptly at 10.00 a.m. You will need to make arrangements to arrive at the venue by **9.30 a.m.**
* The event finishes at approximately 12.00/12.15 (exact details will be confirmed nearer the date)
* The event is free of charge, but you will need to pay your own transport costs.
* The HSBC UK National Cycling Centre is located in East Manchester at Stuart Street, Manchester M11 4DQ. There is ample parking for coaches and cars and there is also a tram stop – Velopark.
* The event is suitable for KS2 classes. You can apply to bring approximately two classes from school (up to 70 pupils)
* Pupils to attend in school uniform rather than dressing-up please!
* We would like to use your successful submission to help us promote reading for pleasure. Please provide sufficient information so that we see how important developing and promoting a reading culture is in your school. We are particularly interested in hearing from your **pupils** (see below).

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| 1 | School Name |
| 2 | Contact Name |
| 3 | Contact details (email and tel number) |
| 4 | **How do you currently support reading for pleasure in your school?** |
| 5 | **How would you use this Share a Story event to promote reading for pleasure in school?** |
| 6 | **What do your pupils say about why your school should be invited to Share a Story?**  We are happy to receive applications from your pupils in the form of short videos, written work, letters or anything more creative! If selected, we would love to use this part of your submission on social media etc to promote your school and reading in the city. Please ensure that we have the relevant permissions to do this. |
| 7 | Year group details and number of children you would like to bring |

Once completed, please return to Margaret Duff, [m.duff@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:m.duff@manchester.gov.uk) by 20 December 2019. If you plan to submit something by post, please contact us for a postal address 0161 234 1926.

Thank you for your interest.