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Dear parents/guardians,

We would like to inform you that your child has been randomly selected to participate in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2026. More than 60 countries, including Cyprus, are participating in this particular study.

PIRLS is an international assessment of reading comprehension at the fourth grade that is conducted every five years since 2001. Achievement tests and questionnaires will be administered online to students at their school, on a specific day during April-May 2026. Your child's participation in the study will not affect his or her grades or progress in school, and the results will not be reported for individual students or schools.

In addition, as parents/guardians, you will also be asked to complete an electronic questionnaire. More information about completing the **Parent/Guardian Questionnaire** will be provided at a later stage.

Your child's participation in the PIRLS 2026 study is very important since your child is included in the sample of students representing our country. Your support to this Study is highly appreciated, since the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth anticipates eliciting crucial information concerning our educational system, pertinent to its improvement.

All data collected will be treated in strict confidence and will be submitted anonymously to the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) that coordinates the study. You, as a parent/guardian, have the right to refuse participation of your child in PIRLS 2026, in which case you should notify (in writing) the school accordingly.

For further information about the study, please visit: <https://pirls.pi.ac.cy/pirls>. In accordance with the General Protection Regulation (GDPR), at the same address, you can find the [Data Protection Declaration](#), describing how the data collected from the questionnaires are stored, processed and published.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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