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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to tell you about the Merton Libraries School Membership Scheme, an initiative designed to give pupils easier access to library resources, fostering a love of reading, learning, and discovery.

Through this scheme, your child's school can register for a set of School Library Cards, which allows children to borrow books and access a wealth of resources via school and class visits. This is an excellent way to support literacy, research, and independent learning both in the classroom and at home.

What Can Pupils Do with a School Library Card?

- Borrow up to 6 books at a time to support reading for pleasure and school projects, either with parents or on school visits.
- Access e-books, audiobooks, and online learning resources via Merton Libraries' digital platforms.
- Use study spaces, computers, and printing services at any Merton library.
- Take part in library events, author visits, and reading challenges to inspire their love of books.

This scheme provides a fantastic opportunity for children who may not yet have a personal library card, ensuring that every child in Merton has the chance to benefit from free, high-quality library services. *If they do already have a personal library card, they are still eligible to receive a Primary School card and it will not interfere with the existing card.*

Opting Out of Initiative

You will receive a consent/opt out letter from your child's school. If you would like your child to be involved in getting a Primary school card, you do not need to do anything.

However, if you would like to opt out of the scheme, please fill in and sign the consent form. As part of joining the service, we would require access to your child's personal data such as name, address, age etc to input them into the library card system.

If you have any questions or would like further details, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,
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