



A community of transformation founded on love, hope & trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: MERTON LIBRARIES - PREMIUM SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP CARD

We're working with Merton Libraries on an exciting initiative to get our children reading. Reading is an important factor for your child's development, improving spelling, vocabulary and writing skills. Children also learn a lot about the world around them from pages in a book and we want to encourage that curiosity by signing up our Year 7 students as Premium School Library Members.

To sign up, we'll send your child's details*; their name, date of birth and address to Merton Library Services as well as one of the parents' names, their mobile number and/or email address, so that a new card can be issued during a class visit to the library.

Every child that is signed up will receive:

- **Complementary premium school membership to all seven libraries across Merton.** Your child will receive a free premium membership card; you'll never have to pay a fine or fee** and you can use this card when you visit the library as a family.
- **Access to public computers**[^] - Every child signed up to this initiative will be able to use the library computers and internet, inspiring them to learn, explore and access information to broaden horizons and raise aspirations.
- **Access to our digital library and eResources**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in this initiative, please complete the slip attached and return it to Ms M Taylor in the Academy Library by **Wednesday 24 September 2025**.

Yours faithfully,

Ms M Taylor

Learning and Resources Manager

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Merton Libraries Premium School Membership Card - Opt Out Slip
Please return this slip to Ms M Taylor in the Academy Library by Wednesday 24 September.

I **do not want** my child to be issued with a Premium School Library Membership Card.

Child's Name..... Coaching Group.....

Parent signature..... Date

*Details are sent in accordance to data protection guidelines

**Normal overdue charges will apply to all items borrowed on a standard library card. Replacement cost for lost items will apply.

^The Premium School Membership Card comes with automatic access to the public computer and Internet in all libraries. All children's PCs are filtered to exclude inappropriate websites. Please speak to a member of library staff on receipt of your child's new membership card should you not want them to have access to the computers in the library.