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Dear Parents/guardians of Reception,

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 all children at our school 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 in 2021.

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.

We'll also be arranging regular class visits to the local library, encouraging children to take part in library activities and developing the habit of reading for enjoyment.

If you do not want your child to participate in this initiative, let the school office know by Friday 23rd October 2020.

**Kind regards
School Office**

*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.