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Dear Parent / Carer

Renfrewshire school library service provides secondary school pupils with access to a well-resourced school library and the expertise of a qualified school librarian. School librarians encourage pupils to develop their love of reading and to become independent learners through research skills and digital literacy. The school library is a nurturing space for pupils to reflect and learn.

Vibrant Libraries, Thriving Schools, the national strategy for school libraries in Scotland recommends that local authorities implement a shared library management system between schools and public libraries to deliver effective and efficient use of library resources. All new first year pupils will be issued a library ticket by their school librarian which gives them joint access to both their school library and their local public library. If they are already a member of the public library, they have kept their existing ticket for use in the school library. Your child will receive information about their library membership to their school GLOW e-mail account.

Renfrewshire has a network of 12 public libraries and provides a wide range of resources including access to free online services including Libby and Borrowbox for e-books, Press Reader for online newspapers and magazines along with many e-resources. Your child's library card enables them to search the online catalogue of their school library and the public library and renew and reserve books from home. Using the library is completely free for school pupils and there are no charges on overdue items, or item reservations. For more information please visit - www.renfrewshirelibraries.co.uk

All information will be shared and processed in accordance with data protection legislation. Further information on the privacy policies of Renfrewshire Council and Renfrewshire Leisure can be found on their respective websites:

www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/privacypolicy

www.oneren.org/privacy-policy/

I hope your child will enjoy the benefits of library membership. If you have any queries, please email **sls@renfrewshire.gov.uk** or contact your child's school librarian.

Yours sincerely,



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