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## **Opening Access to Library Services in North Yorkshire**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the school's literacy strategy and in addition to the fantastic resources already offered in the school library, we are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to join North Yorkshire Council's library service.

While we are aware that some children may already be accessing their local library, we are keen to facilitate as many students as possible being able to make the most of the range of services that are on offer. We also appreciate that for busy families with many different demands on their time, it would be helpful for the school to initiate access on their behalf.

In addition to a wider stock of print titles than we can offer in the school library, the following free services are available to any student attending school in North Yorkshire:

- Online:
  - o Borrow e-books
  - o Borrow audiobooks
  - Access a wide range of magazines, graphic novels, comics and newspapers
- In the local libraries:
  - o Free Wi-Fi and access to computers
  - o Additional services targeted at children and young people
  - o A warm, quiet space to work or read and relax

This service is being provided by the school in association with Bilton and Woodfield Community Library, which is staffed entirely by volunteers but works in partnership with NYC. Their volunteers will be coming into school to complete registrations, under the supervision of St Aidan's staff. Students will then be able to use any of the North Yorkshire libraries.





We are hoping to be able to get students signed up in time for the summer holidays, so in the first instance we would request that you complete this <u>short online form</u> to express your interest **before Wednesday 5**<sup>th</sup> **July**, as the volunteers need to order the physical library cards. The students would subsequently need to complete a paper registration form to bring on the day of registration, which will happen during English lessons (the library is fully GDPR compliant).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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