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Dear parents / carers,

Islington N4 Library – book borrowing

Throughout the year, all children get a chance to go to the library on Blackstock Road on a weekly basis for a whole term (and 2 terms in year 1). For your information, the timetable is as following:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Mondays	Y3	1B	
Tuesdays	Y5	2G	2B
Wednesdays	Y4	1G	

When your child ‘begins’ their time in the library in Y1, you are given a letter explaining what your child does while they are at the library as well as when / how they can borrow books. The library does not send this letter again – it is only in Y1 so at this point, we thought it would be helpful to reiterate some of the library’s borrowing expectations and an outline of what the children do while they are at the library.

At the library, your child will:

- share a story, poem or other reading activity with the library staff
- learn how to use the library more effectively
- have the opportunity to borrow up to 4 books

The large majority of children at Ambler borrow books from the library and enjoy doing this. Some of the children take the books home until they are ready to change them and some of the children keep the books in school.

A very important notice:

IF YOUR CHILD TAKES THEIR LIBRARY BOOK/S HOME AND LOSES THEM – YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT/S

When the library give you their letter in year 1 – you have an opportunity to ‘opt out’ of borrowing a book and thereby avoiding running the risk of a fine. If you are a parent of a child older than Y1 or are a new parent, you may have forgotten or not known about this.

Therefore, if you have any questions or concerns you would like to raise, or indeed would like to ‘opt out’ of borrowing books from the library please speak to myself, Ms Benis or Ms Ryan at the start or end of any school day.

Yours sincerely

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