

## People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **PRESTWICK ACADEMY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

As you may already know Prestwick Academy School Library has joined forces with South Ayrshire's Public Library Service to provide a comprehensive library service for your child.

The school library remains a separate unit, but uses the same book-issue method and cards that are currently in use in all other South Ayrshire Libraries. Books from any library can be returned at the school library.

All new pupils will be given a library card that will entitle them not only to use the school library and its range of books and learning resources but it will also give them access to all the additional privileges that the public library service provides. This includes free requested books from any of the 11 public libraries in South Ayrshire, delivered to the school or nearest public library plus free access to a wide range of online resources such as, e-books, e-audio, e-newspapers and e-magazines.

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries/resources.aspx>

Please note that all books borrowed from the school library will be subject to the school library's rules; all books borrowed from the public library system will be subject to the public library's regulations and the current General Data Protection Regulations apply. A full Library Services privacy statement is available at <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/privacy-notices>

Public libraries are currently operating a reduced service, details of which can be found via their website <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries/>

School libraries are closed for general access as they work through a phased re-opening plan. Prestwick Academy will be prioritising new S1 pupils and will give them access during their designated weekly library periods in small groups following strict hygiene procedures. We are also operating a click and collect service via our website and aim to provide lunchtime access in the near future. All online services are running as normal.

All library books should be returned via designated book return boxes. There are boxes in each English classroom and a larger box outside the library. These are emptied daily and placed in quarantine for 72 hours as per current Government guidelines.

This service will automatically be made available to all new pupils, but if you do not wish your child to have a South Ayrshire Libraries membership card, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Please contact Miss Milne (librarian) if you have any questions or concerns.

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