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Dear Parent/Carer,

New e-books and audio books for Scalby School.

The school has recently purchased a digital library in order to support students further with their reading development. The library consists of electronic books (e-books) and audio books which can be read or listened to on a range of devices (computers, phones, tablets etc.)

Recent research by the National Literacy Trust highlights the value digital media can bring to student's reading and vocabulary development as well as supporting their mental well-being <https://literacytrust.org.uk/information/what-is-literacy/audiobooks-and-literacy/>

Your child is in one of three classes to trial the new system and it will then be rolled out across the whole school community. The students will be introduced to the system during an English lesson or in mentor time.

The system is free to use and the App can be downloaded for free.

<https://scalbyschool.eplatform.co/>

How do you read eBooks or listen to Audiobooks?

The simplest way to read eBooks or listen to Audiobooks is to access the free ePlatform app. Through this app library users can easily find our library, then access all our titles and read or listen to them via their browser – even if offline, all via their tablet or smartphone.

The app can be accessed on an iPad, iPhone, Galaxy and most other devices.

1. Download the ePlatform app from the Apple, Google Play or Windows app stores.
2. Look for your library and log in - you'll only need to do this once.
3. Search for, borrow and read or listen to any book you want!

The eplatform itself has lots of guidance and help if you get stuck and links will be on the English section of the student portal.

Please take a look and let us know of any questions or queries.

Yours faithfully,

Miss B. M. Higgins (Librarian)

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We also have a new system to borrow physical books from the LRC when further COVID restrictions are lifted. **More details will follow.**

The new library system is from AccessIT, (www.accessit.com).

The ePlatform is from Wheelers (<https://www.eplatform.co.uk/school>)

Both of these companies are reputable and have been checked for GDPR compliance in consultation with our Data Protection Officer. You can also view our Privacy Notices on our website.

In order for your child to be able to use the library services we do need to share some of their personal information:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Email address
- Address (AccessIT Only)
- Photograph (AccessIT Only – for identification of pupils)

If you have any questions or concerns about the processing of this information, please get in touch with school.

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