

Attention!
General Data Protection
Regulation (GDPR)
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Booktastic!

The universal library membership scheme for children in Sandwell

Booktastic is a universal library membership scheme for children and was introduced in 2014. By providing free library membership to all reception age children in Sandwell, it is a first step towards getting children to read for pleasure, which increases literacy levels, improves educational attainment and life chances. As it is a universal scheme, all children in Sandwell have been registered as library members, unless parents specifically told us that they didn't want their child to be included.

Changes to the Data Protection Act, which will take place in May 2018, require us to obtain consent from parents to hold their child's personal information, such as name, address, or other contact details. Therefore, we need to ask all parents to notify their local library if they would like their children to remain as library members. If their child has borrowed any items from a Sandwell library, then the library service has a legitimate interest in holding the child's details, so they would not need to notify the library to maintain their child's membership.

Membership of Sandwell Library and Information Service is for three years, unless extended by consent. We hold the name, address, date of birth, gender, and other contact details (email or phone number, if supplied) of our users. We also gather data about how people use our service; for example, any items that have been borrowed. This data is only kept for library service purposes, and is never sold or shared. Any library user has the right to have their membership deleted or anonymised, unless there is a reason for us to keep it; for example, if the user has borrowed items that have not yet been returned to us. Any user who has had their membership deleted or personal information anonymised may re-join the library service at any time.

A full version of our [privacy policy](http://opac-lib.sandwell.gov.uk) is available at our Online Services website:
<http://opac-lib.sandwell.gov.uk>



Please contact your local library if you wish to find out more about the scheme