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Dear Parents

School Library

At St Mary's First School, we use an easy to use system for children to loan books from our library.

This technology takes the child's thumb print and converts it into a unique number. When the child wants to take out a book they do not need to remember a library card - they just need their thumb!

We want to assure parents that the actual thumb print is not stored, just the unique number is kept and is like any other personal identification number. The number **cannot** be used to reconstruct the original thumb print image. The technology has been accepted by the Department for Education who recommend it as good practice.

We hope that you too can see the benefit of this system as it is specifically designed to make it as simple as possible for your child to access the wonderful books on offer.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



St Mary's CE VC First School ~ Charminster Library Database

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

I consent to my child's thumbprint being used to produce a unique number and understand that the thumbprint itself will not be stored or used.

Signed: _____ Parent / Carer Date: _____

