

APPENDIX 4 LETTER

Dear

I am writing to you to let you know about library services in the St John's area.

Over 80% of library members from this area currently use Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope, and the mobile library visits every Thursday, stopping at Wickenden Road and Chatham Hill Road.

St John's Primary School is keen to develop and improve their building and the school grounds. St. John's library has been poorly used for several years and although the service has been promoted and different activities organised, the numbers of books being borrowed continues to decrease and there are on average just two visits an hour.

Therefore we are planning to close the facility at St John's and we wanted take this opportunity to tell you about the number of ways to still enjoy library services in the area.

- The Kaleidoscope in Sevenoaks town centre (opposite the bus station) has a wide range of books and information including resources for researching family and local history. There is also a varied programme of events and activities in the library, gallery and museum
- A mobile library stops at Wickenden Road and Chatham Hill Road. We will also talk to customers about possibility of a new stop near to Bayham Road. The mobile library is fully accessible and is stocked with over 3,000 books – approximately the same as held by St John's Library
- For people who find it difficult to visit other libraries or the mobile library, we can offer a personalised home delivery service with regular delivery of books to your home
- For children attending St John's Primary School and their families – there will be book clubs, a book swap scheme, resources for homework and study, books to take home and class visits to Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope
- We will look at working with local people, groups and organisations to support community events e.g. book clubs, talks and children and family activities which could take place in the school
- On line resources and information and e books are already available via the Library website – www.kent.gov.uk/libraries

If you have any other suggestions or would like to comment, please contact District Manager Fiona Dutton by 19th February:

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If you would like to come onboard a mobile library to see what it's like or you would like to come and talk to us about how you would like to use library services in the future, we are holding a drop-in event on 11th February. The mobile library will be making a special visit to the St John's area – parking near the school at the end of Bayham Road. Please do call in at anytime between 9.30 and 11.00am.

Yours