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Dear Parents/Carers

Tadcaster Grammar School – Chromebooks for Learning Scheme

I am writing with information relating to our *Chromebook for Learning* scheme:

What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a kind of laptop computer, running Google Chrome as its operating system. The device is used primarily while connected to the Internet, with most applications and data residing in "the cloud". Chromebooks differ from a normal laptop in that a robust 'device management system' allows for strict monitoring of use, internet filtering and other vital e-Safety restrictions whilst in school.

Why have we introduced the Chromebooks for Learning scheme?

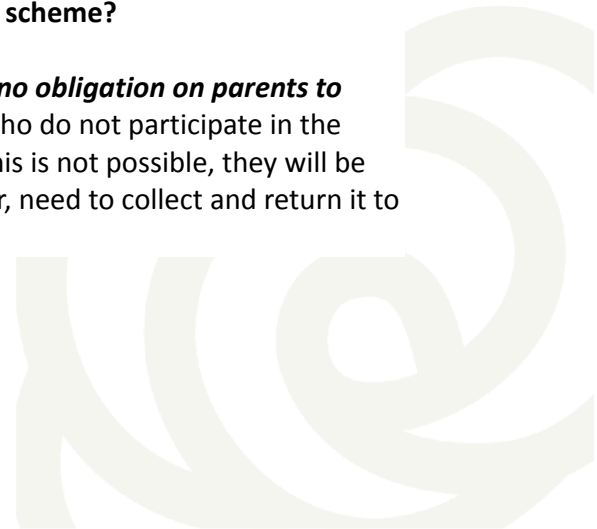
The use of chromebooks does not replace, but supplements our existing learning strategies. As a school we have moved away from the use of 'ICT suites', and Chromebooks give students seamless access to the internet and to Google applications, which are being used increasingly across the school to enhance the learning experience.

What are the next steps?

Our chosen supplier of educational hardware, Freedomtech, offers families the opportunity to purchase a device outright, or for a reasonable and competitive monthly direct debit payment, which will be significantly cheaper than the equivalent available on the high street. (Please bear in mind that high street prices will *not* include an extended repair service or warranty beyond 12 months, which would need to be added to any competitive price). At the end of the payment period, the chromebook will be yours to keep.

Do students have to take part in the Chromebooks for Learning scheme?

Although we hope families will take up this opportunity ***there is no obligation on parents to participate in the scheme, as it is entirely voluntary.*** Students who do not participate in the scheme will be encouraged to provide their own device, and if this is not possible, they will be able to borrow a chromebook when required. They will, however, need to collect and return it to our ICT support team before and after use.



Ordering your chromebook

The [online portal](#), where you can order a device from our partner 'Freedomtech Technology' is now open, and will close on **Sunday 12th July**. The first Direct Debit will be taken on **Sunday 26th July** and we will expect delivery of the chromebooks at the start of the school year.

What is included?

There is a choice of two Lenovo models, the 100e and the 500e (which has a touch screen). Prices are available on the portal, but in both cases, the following are included:

- a Google education licence which allows the device to be safely managed whilst in school
- a cost free **repair service (36 months)** to cover accidental damage
- a **36 months extended warranty**, offering immediate replacement whilst repairs are undertaken, or a replacement is being processed
- software and full on-site support whilst your child remains a student at Tadcaster Grammar School
- A protective sleeve for the device, and stylus

Can I provide my own chromebook?

You can, if you wish, purchase a chromebook elsewhere for your child to use in school. It must meet the same specification as the devices offered by the scheme, and you will also need to order a 'Google education licence' through the school to allow it to benefit from the applications and device management we offer. This is a one-off cost of £30.00. (see website for more details)

What if my child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

We do offer support for students who are eligible for this funding. Please visit the *Chromebooks for Learning* page on the school website under the 'Parents' tab ([Click here](#)) which contains further information regarding the scheme, or contact Ms Green at c.green@tgs.starmat.uk.

If you have any concerns or questions not addressed by the attached information sheet or web page, please contact chromebooks@tgs.starmat.uk.

[Online booking portal HERE](#)

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