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Additional Information for the 1 to 1 eLearning Programme

Outlined below is some additional information about the 1 to 1 eLearning Programme to address any queries you might have.

Donation Period for each year group

As this is the first year of running the programme we wanted to maximise impact across KS2. For children entering Year 5 a donation period of 2 years has been set (when they will then leave school). For children entering Year 3 and 4 a donation period of 3 years has been set.

This means that there will be no donations taking for the Year 3s when they get to year 6. Some of you will have rightly noticed that less will be paid for Year 5 children. The reason for this is that we wanted to launch the programme for as many children as possible and setting a higher monthly donation for Year 5 would have made it less accessible to all.

In subsequent years we aim to launch the programme for each new class entering Year 3 with a 3 year term set for donations at £8 per month.

Deposit

We ask for £30 deposit to be taken when your child is given their device. This will then be returned when your child leaves school and you hand back the device. Alternatively, you will have the option of taking ownership of the device and we retain the deposit. The Chromebooks for children going into Year 5 will only be 2 years old by the time they finish so there will be an additional amount to cover the market value of the device. This will be calculated close to the time but it will not be an excessive amount.

Why do our children need their own Chromebook?

There are two major reasons for this. The first is that having good ICT skills is becoming a basic requirement of any employer. Children need to be prepared for an increasingly digital world and this will give them a unique opportunity to be highly skilled ahead of many other children.

The other reason is that research has confirmed that good home access to technology has a positive impact on a child's educational results; it often motivates them to do their schoolwork, their work is better presented so their self-esteem grows, and they can explore subjects that interest them in their own time.

What if we don't want to take part?

While we would encourage all families to take part, it is your right to choose not to do so. Please be fully aware however that by opting out your child will not be provided with their own device to take home, and may end up sharing in the classroom with others pupils in the same situation while those who have opted in will have their own.

Who owns the Device?

The devices are the property of the school for duration of the programme and are provided to the pupils at the discretion of the school. **Your contribution is a charitable donation towards the programme,**

not a payment towards the device. However, the school has no intention of keeping the devices after the programme finishes and you will have the option of keeping the device and we retain your deposit.

What happens if the Device gets damaged or lost?

The computers will be insured for accidental damage and theft. However, repeated damage may incur a cost to you. Additionally, families may have to pay towards the cost of replacement or repair caused by inappropriate use or lack of care and that is why we will take a refundable deposit against this kind of damage.

Why can't the school provide these for nothing?

The school has historically funded all ICT in school from the school budget. This however has become more limited in recent years gets spent on our network, Internet, servers, printers, technical support etc. Equipment for for personal use by your children is over and above this, which is why we have to ask our families to make a contribution. Without that help the programme would not be able to go ahead.

What happens if I can't make the regular donations?

No child will be excluded from the programme because of their financial circumstances so please come and talk to us so we can ensure your child is included.

Can I donate by cash or cheque?

Collecting cash involves a lot more work and administration costs for the school so our overwhelming preference is for you to sign a direct debit. However, if this is not possible then the school will be able to make arrangements to make sure you can contribute in a way that works for you and the school.

What happens if I change my mind in a few months time?

This would give the school a big problem as our decision to go ahead and buy the devices for the children will be based on the initial level of support from our parents. Changing your mind halfway through the programme would compromise the school's finances. This is a commitment to the children that needs to be seen through.

Can't I go and buy a cheaper device on the High Street?

Yes, possibly. But this isn't just about a portable device. The e-learning programme we are providing will involve a device that is fully insured and with an extended warranty, it will have all the software that your child will need, we will provide technical support whilst at school, your child will have access to learning resources the school subscribes to and we will provide facilities for families to come and update their own ICT skills.

These devices can be used at school during the day as well as at home in the evenings and weekends. In contrast, personally owned computers cannot be connected to the network at school or supported by our technical team.

Why am I making a donation to the Learning Foundation?

The Learning Foundation is a registered education charity that is collecting monthly parental donations on our behalf to save us administration costs. They will collect your donation every month, quarter or annually and apply for tax relief where applicable, and then grant the money back to us to pay the bills.

Do I have to sign the Gift Aid declaration?

It is vital that you do this if you are a UK taxpayer; otherwise the cost of administering the collection of donations has to come out of the donations themselves. *Gift Aid applies to cash and cheque contributions as well as direct debits so please do sign it if you are a taxpayer.*

How much do we need to donate?

We ask that you make a donation of £8 a month over 24 months for Year 5 and 36 months for Year 3 & 4 (although you can pay more if you like). The good news is that because we are offering this programme

to all the pupils in the year group/s, the Learning Foundation can claim Gift Aid worth 25% of all donations made by parents who are UK taxpayers and have signed the Gift Aid declaration.

Will we be able to access the Internet?

If you have Broadband at home the computer will be able to connect to that. A wireless router that plugs into your Internet line is a really good idea as the Chromebook we provide will be wirelessly enabled. If you don't have Broadband at home then we suggest you talk to us about 3G/4G solutions we may be able to source.

Will our children be safe if they have to carry the computer home?

We all need to be aware of the risks the children could face on their way home but the number of recorded incidents is surprisingly low. All computers are security marked and protected, but if a child is approached for their computer they should hand it over without resistance and then inform you so you can let the Police and the school know.

Why should I donate if others don't?

We will only run this programme if parents want it, and are prepared to contribute. While a small number of families in difficult circumstances can be accommodated, unless there is widespread support for the programme then the school will not be able to provide it to your children. If you are interested in the school doing this then please encourage other parents to support the programme too.

Will we need to buy any other equipment?

Ideally every pupil should have access to the Internet at home. You may also want to get a printer so that your child can print off their work but this is not essential as they can always do this when they come back to school.

What happens when I sign the Gift Aid declaration?

The school sends the declaration to the Learning Foundation. They keep the form on file as proof that they are able to claim the additional 25% in Gift Aid from the Inland Revenue.

What if I change my bank account?

Please let the Learning Foundation know as soon as possible if you change your bank account by writing to them with your new details. In your letter please include your name, your child's name and your child's school.

Hopefully, this document will answer any questions you might have. Of course, if there are any questions not answered here please do ask.

Many thanks

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