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Dear Parent/Carer

iPads for Learning Scheme 2020/21

At Prince Henry's Grammar School every student is required to use an iPad for their learning. We strongly believe that the use of this technology can positively support your child's learning by encouraging innovation and collaboration, increasing access to resources and reducing barriers to learning. Parents have a number of choices in how they wish their child to participate in the scheme, which are listed below. If, after reading this, you still have questions, then please contact the school using the details provided at the end of this letter.

Option 1: Join the iPads for Learning Scheme 2020/21

The school offers a donation scheme which you can choose to opt into, should you wish. As a member of the scheme, your child will be provided with a new iPad at the start of Year 7 which they will be able to take home with them. The scheme runs for three years and the iPad remains the property of the school during this time. However, when the scheme finishes, you will be given the option to purchase the iPad for a small sum. Repairs are managed in school by the IT team, although there is usually a charge for this, dependent on the nature of the breakage. The school does not make any money from the iPad scheme, which relies heavily on parental donations. These donations help us to fund the scheme allowing all children the use of an iPad to aid their learning whilst at school and is administered by a charity called the Learning Foundation.

If you choose to opt into the iPad scheme, the current suggested donation amount is £12 per month, and this runs for a 36-month period. The school also requires a £50 deposit which is used towards any damage incidents and is refundable at the end of the 36 months, if no breakages occur.

Please do not opt out of the iPads for Learning scheme for financial reasons. Financial support can be made available, where required, and we would ask that you contact the school if you would like to discuss this, using the contact details provided at the end of this letter.

Option 2: Stay in School Device

If you would prefer that your child does not bring their iPad home with them, you can choose to use a stay in school device. Your child will be provided with an iPad which they will collect each morning, and drop back after school each day.

Option 3: Own Device

If you would prefer, you may provide your child with their own device from home.

What we would like you to do

Please indicate whether you wish to join the iPad scheme by completing the attached form and returning it when you attend your family meeting in June, or by **Friday 10th July 2020**. If you do wish to join the scheme, you should then set up your monthly donations to the Learning Foundation, via the following link on our website, www.princehenrys.co.uk:

Parents and Carers - E-Learning & Online Safety - iPad information

Please set up your donations now to start in September 2020 for 36 months.

We also require the £50 deposit which can be paid by cash or cheque, or online once your child has started school through your child's PHGS online account.

Please be aware that we will be unable to order an iPad for your child without confirmation that both donations and a deposit are in place. If there is a problem with any aspect of this, then please contact the school using the contact details below.

If you would like to find out more about the iPad scheme and how it will benefit your child's learning, you can view the presentation on our website. All other iPad information can be found in *Parents and Carers - E-Learning & Online Safety - iPad information*.

Here you will also find the full Acceptable User Agreement, which we would ask you to read, and a detailed Frequently Asked Questions document.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss financial support, please contact Emma Treweek who is the administrative officer for the iPad scheme on ipads@princehenrys.co.uk or on 01943 463524 ext. 222.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Owen
Director of Business and Finance

iPads for Learning Scheme

Please tick one of the following options:

- I would like to opt in to the iPads for Learning scheme:

Contributions

- I will set up contributions of £12 per month with the Learning Foundation, via the link on the school website to start in September
- I would like to donate the full amount and enclose a cheque for £432 payable to the Learning Foundation
- I would like to opt into the scheme and contribute however, due to my financial circumstances I will contact the school to discuss the level of my donations.

Deposit:

- I have enclosed my £50 Deposit cash/cheque payable to PHGS
- I wish to pay my deposit through my PHGS online payment portal once this is set up in September

- I would like to opt out of the scheme and wish for my child to be provided with a stay in school device.
- I will provide my child with their own iPad to use in school.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/carer name: _____

Child's name: _____

Please return to the main school office when you attend your family meeting in June. If this is not possible, please ensure you return this form to school by Friday 10th July 2020