



Tring School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all of the families who came along to our information sessions on the Chromebooks for Learning Scheme, just before the half-term holiday.

Following on from those meetings, and for the benefit of those unable to attend, I thought it would be helpful if I were to recap a few of the key points relating to the scheme.

To begin with, I must stress the scheme is voluntary.

We would, of course, like you to participate, but I can reassure you that if you don't, your child will not be disadvantaged. The school has a number of Chromebooks successfully used in the trialling which can be issued to children each morning on the understanding the equipment will be returned at the end of the school day.

Ideally, our preference would have been to purchase Chromebooks for all students from school funds. Sadly, due to increasing financial pressures, this is simply not possible.

Research involving other high performing schools, coupled with our own experience, indicates that using Chromebooks is extremely beneficial to students, aiding their learning and achievement. That is why we chose to press ahead, and we really hope you will lend your support to the scheme.

Timetable

We plan to introduce Chromebooks for Learning in four stages:

Year 10 – September 2016

Year 7 – January 2017

Years 8 & 9 – Easter 2017

New Year 7 (those joining us in September 2017) – September 2017

Supply

The school does not have a contract with Google, nor any other supplier.

Parents will be able to buy a Chromebook through the school at prices which we believe represent excellent value for money, and I must point out no profit is made by us in offering this service.

The purchase can be made either by a one-off payment, or in instalments. Please see our website for details: <http://tring.herts.sch.uk/chromebook-11/> or email chromebooks@tringschool.org

Devices will be available to Pupil Premium families at a significantly discounted price. We have written to you separately with details of this.



If any parents have a device that they think is a viable alternative to a Chromebook, we can discuss this. The operational criteria must include an eight-second boot-up time, eight to ten hours' battery life, and the device should be fully compatible with Google Apps for Education.

If you have any queries regarding the Chromebook scheme, please see the FAQ section on the school website <http://tring.herts.sch.uk/chromebook-11/> or email chromebooks@tringschool.org

The Chromebooks being offered by the school can be purchased through Wisepay on the website, or you can pick up a form from reception.

If you are the parent of a student who is currently in Year 9 and going into Year 10, and you wish to buy a school Chromebook, we would be grateful if you could place your order by June 24, 2016.

Chromebooks can still be ordered after this date but we cannot guarantee that the device will be available for the start of the new school year in September 2016.

Yours faithfully

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