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Dear Parent,

### **Chromebook for Learning Project 2023**

Thank you for attending this evening, the first meeting for the family and Class of 2028 – it is lovely to see so many of you for the first time and welcome you formally to Burscough Priory Academy.

Over the last three years the school has rolled out the 'Chromebook for Learning Project' to enable our students to have access to a device in school and at home. Given the challenge of the pandemic, this resource proved to be one crucial for learning and communicating with school.

Fast forward 2023, a lot has changed. In recognition of an increased access to technology, the pressure of the cost of living and a doubling in the price of Chromebooks, our drive for every child to have a device has shifted. This means that in 2023-2024 and beyond, we will no longer roll out a compulsory Chromebook scheme.

We are exploring the possibility of offering the existing Chromebook scheme to all students but at the revised higher cost and will provide an update on this in due course. In the meantime, please complete [this questionnaire](#) about ICT provision so that we can assess desire for buy in to an optional scheme – it will take one minute maximum.

Over the last three months we have completed a full review of the ICT that we provide in school. Moving forward, we will be investing in our ICT infrastructure which will include upgrading the suites of standalone machines and in addition, mobile laptop banks for use in subject areas. Our commitment to using the Google suite and resourcing the learning platforms and/or software is undeterred; these resources are of great benefit to learning, both in school and at home.

We appreciate that opinion on this may be divided. For some families who already have devices and in a time of financial constraint, this may be a welcome decision. Others, children and their parents, may be disappointed because the offer has changed. For the avoidance of doubt, as a school in the Endeavour Learning Trust, we are committed to the use of technology and preparing our young people for life as digital citizens. During the course of this evening, we will ask you to complete a



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simple ICT audit so that we can assess the needs of this cohort in order to reflect on what we do and how we do it in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us using the [chromebooks@burscoughprioryacademy.org](mailto:chromebooks@burscoughprioryacademy.org) email address, or of course speak to us this evening.

E Pluribus Unum.

Yours faithfully,

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