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Dear Parent,

Chromebook for Learning Project 2022-2023

When we began this project, it was because we wanted our students to be prepared for an increasingly digital world. Research confirms that appropriate in-school and home access to technology has a positive impact on a child's level of educational achievement. It often motivates them to do school work by providing other interesting and engaging ways to learn. We have found that research, online tasks and other types of learning that do not require handwritten pieces, are often better presented and engaging in a different way. As a result, independent learning skills and self-confidence can grow and they can explore subjects that interest them in their own time.

What is the offer?

We offer all Year 7 students the opportunity to purchase their own Chromebook device which has been sourced to ensure the most competitive price possible. The Chromebook will be used in lessons at school and then taken home to be used for homework, with full access to the Google education suite amongst other packages.

What does the price include?

- Lenovo Chromebook 100e
- Google Chrome License for managing applications
- 3 year accidental damage cover

How much is the scheme and what are the payment plans?

We have three different plans:

| | Plan 1 | Plan 2 | Plan 3 |
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| | Purchase Outright | 12 Months | 24 Months |
| Initial Payment | £206.60 | | |
| Monthly Payments | | £18.17 | £9.75 |

If you choose to purchase outright, the payment is taken immediately from your chosen account. If you choose any of the monthly payment options, there is no initial payment to be made. The first monthly payment will be taken on **25 July**.





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How do I register for the scheme?

Simply click on this link https://www.tech4learners.co.uk/users/login and follow the instructions on this page to register with the following details

Username: Burscough22 **Password:** S3cure02!

Once you have registered, choose which of the three payment options you would prefer and you will then be asked to give payment details.

What happens then?

The portal will remain open until Sunday 10 July and as a reminder, parents will be contacted in early July.

We anticipate that the Chromebooks will be delivered into school during August and they will be issued to the Year 7 students in the first two weeks of term. This will be along with time to support your child to understand how the device works and what they can do with it.

What if my child already has a Chromebook?

With the agreement of the parents, students who already own a Chromebook will be able to bring it into school for use on the school network. This is conditional - the Chromebook needs to have a battery life of at least six hours and used in line with our acceptable use policy. To use it in school, we need to install our management software; this permits access to our network, the security of the web filtering system and content management software. In return for access to this suite of apps, there will be a one-off administration fee of £35 (£5 set up and £30 licensing fee). Please contact the school using the email address below to set up this option.

Please be aware that we will not be able to offer insurance and repairs for devices purchased outside our scheme. It is strongly recommended that any personal Chromebooks are covered by personal household insurance.

What if I really want to join the scheme but I simply can't afford it. What can I do?

A fundamental principle of this scheme is that it is fair and inclusive. We want all pupils to benefit from the use of this technology, regardless of financial circumstances. If you are currently facing financial hardship or are in receipt of free school meals please contact the school to discuss this further.





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What if I do not want to take part in the scheme?

We want our scheme to be reasonable, inclusive and would encourage all families to take part. However, it is your right to choose not to. If you opt out, your child will not be provided with their own device. The school will have a system in place to allow them access to a Chromebook or Google Chrome applications when it is necessary for learning. This will have limitations given that it will not be their own device and they will not be able to take it home.

If you have any queries about the Chromebook for Learning Project, please check the <u>FAQ document</u> on the website. If your question is not covered, please contact us using the dedicated email address

chromebook@burscoughprioryacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

L MacLaren

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Headteacher



