

9th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are safe and well. We are planning for September and are looking forward to opening our schools to all children. We will be confirming the arrangements early next week.

What has been apparent during lockdown is the importance of IT and the powerful effect it has on learning and the world of work.

It is our ambition that children from KS1 & KS2 onwards have access to their own computer, that would be used daily at school and home. If money were no object, as a Trust, we would purchase every child a Chrome Book. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to fund this; however, with potential parental support this could be achieved.

The purpose of my letter is to ascertain whether parents/carers would be interested in supporting this initiative by buying their child a Chrome Book through school.

The purchase could be made in one of two ways, an outright purchase, or a lease to buy option over 12, 24, or 36 months. Initial research has concluded that parents could enter into a 36 month agreement paying approximately £9.70 a month. After the final payment the Chrome Book would belong to the family. The price would include a Chrome Book, Chrome Education Licence, case, and 3 years insurance.

Due to safeguarding, we are only able to have equipment in school that has originated from school due to firewalls etc. If we were to go ahead with the initiative we would have to have protocols about usage, filters etc. If you were thinking about purchasing a Chrome Book for your child, in the near future, please would you consider purchasing from us so that the equipment could be used in school?

We would be grateful if you could complete the Google form expressing your opinion here <https://forms.gle/yYexkDh8GBVuNoLRA> by Monday 13th July.

Kind regards,



Mr P J Lovern
Chief Executive Officer

Google Form Questions

Name of child: _____

School.....

- 1) I would not be interested in buying a Chrome Book.
- 2) I would be interested in buying a Chrome Book outright at a cost of approximately £280.00.
- 3) I would be interested in the lease to buy scheme over 12, 24 or 36 months.
- 4) We would not like any child to miss out due to financial hardship and would look to support the purchase if this was the case. (We only have a limited budget for this support and for the initiative to go ahead we would need parental support).
Please tick the box if you would require support.