

## **iPads for Learning: Parent Purchase Scheme**

Dear Parent/Carer.

### **Our Aims**

At Madeley School we are committed to giving every student the best education possible. There is no doubt that digital technology will continue to transform the workplace and all aspects of our lives. We have a responsibility to our pupils to equip them with the skills necessary to succeed in that 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace: to be digitally literate, to be able to think and work independently, to be able to problem-solve and to collaborate with one another. We believe that technology can play a crucial role in the classroom, transforming the learning opportunities available to our students.

### **Our Beliefs**

Madeley School believes that embracing more fully the potential of the use of IT in the education process can help to:

- **Learn effectively and accelerate progress**
- **Support skills for life**
- **Enhance enjoyment of learning**

The use of iPads by pupils on a 1:1 basis has the potential to provide opportunities to enhance pupils' overall learning experience; give access to learning anywhere, anytime – both in classrooms and at home; narrow the digital divide between pupils; encourage pupils to become more independent in their learning; personalise learning to suit individual pupils and provide opportunities to create and share work.

We believe that iPads empower us to work together to open new avenues to learning, so that our students are flexible and creative and better prepared for the future.

### **Our iPad Learning Scheme**

From September 2024 we wish for all pupils in Years 7 to be using iPads in school and at home for their learning. This is an incredibly exciting time and staff, pupils and you, as parents, are very enthusiastic in your support of what we are trying to do at the school.

### **The Challenge**

The school made a commitment to ensuring that all students had access to a personal iPad by 2025/26. The school intended to fully fund this scheme.

However, over the past three academic years the financial pressures that have been placed upon schools' mirrors that which have been experienced in all our domestic situations.

Unprecedented rises in energy costs, operational contracts, equipment, resources, and unfunded pay awards have resulted in severe pressures on school budgets. Madeley is no exception to this, but we are committed to ensuring an exceptional opportunity for all our students. Our iPad ambition remains – we want all Madeley pupils to have one by 2025/26.

## **Parental Purchase Scheme**

The school is asking Y7 parents to contribute to the cost of the iPad. This will result in full ownership of the device at the end of Y11.

The cost to parents over 3 years is...

£303.00

£101.00 per year

£8.50 per month.

In return your child will receive the latest iPad plus protective case, wall charger, all software and applications needed along with technical support during school hours. The school will make no profit from the parental contributions.

## **Making the pledge**

The most effective way for parents to make these payments is through the schools *ParentPay* platform. As parents whose children are joining us in Y7 you will receive your log-in details for *ParentPay* at some point in the Summer Term. You will have the option to purchase outright or commit to an annual or monthly payment.

As a collective group, I know that as new parents of Madeley pupils you will be unwavering in your support, which will continue to make Madeley a very popular and successful oversubscribed place of learning.

I will reach out to you again once your *ParentPay* accounts have been created.

If you have any queries about this, then I will gladly address them if you contact me at the school.

Many thanks for your anticipated support.

Yours sincerely

L Nixon

Principal