

Dear Year 7 Parent and Carers,

The Madeley School Digital Strategy

We are excited to announce that our Year 7 pupils will all be part of our 1:1 iPad programme. Each pupil will receive their own iPad 8th Gen to use in school and at home. This development was introduced to the school two years ago; we have seen a positive impact on the teaching, learning and outcomes for our current Year 8 and 9 pupils, and we know that your children will also thrive with this technology.

The iPad digital strategy aims to enhance the quality of teaching and learning at Madeley School and enable pupils to be better prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world. Over the past three years, the school have invested in the infrastructure and capacity necessary to take this step, including updating all Promethean screens across the school and improved WiFi.

It provides Year 7 pupils with the digital resilience to get through whatever challenges learning presents in the future and supports homework tasks. It will also provide access for all pupils learning at home, and will help parents/carers to help their child. Fundamentally, the aim is that your children will be as well prepared to flourish in their studies, and beyond, as possible.

We are keen to share our vision for the Digital Strategy with you so you and your family know what the aim of this project is:

Vision Statements

- To utilise innovative technology to support our Inspiring Excellence curriculum
- To develop confident, resilient and aspirational learners who are equipped for future challenges within the workplace
- To inspire enjoyment in learning and a positive approach to developing knowledge
- To foster creativity and independence in the classroom
- To give our pupils the opportunity to grow personally and academically so that they can become successful adults
- To have an inclusive curriculum which removes barriers to learning
- To use technology as a powerful tool to accomplish academic aims

Whilst this is an exciting project, we are aware that there may also be some anxiety and questions about the use of iPads in school as well as the security of iPads being brought home. We have collated a list of frequently asked questions which we hope will alleviate some of your concerns and answer your questions. This document is on the school website under the [Parent tab>Digital Strategy>Frequently Asked Questions](#). Here we will also add all further communications and useful links to support your child with their iPad. There is also an information PowerPoint for parents and carers under the parent tab which gives you further information.

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Please can all parents/carers and pupils read the Home/School Digital Device Agreement. This can be found on the school website under the [Parents tab>Digital Strategy>Home School Digital Device Agreement](#).

All parents/carers and pupils must complete the Home/Digital Device Agreement form which has been sent along with this letter. This is an essential document, and your child cannot receive their iPad unless we have had this returned to us.

It would be much appreciated if this could be completed by **Friday 15th September**. Any issues or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr Nixon has also provided a separate letter with regards to the Parent Pledge which supports the funding of this whole school project. Please read this thoroughly and do not hesitate to contact Mr Nixon directly if you have any further questions.

We hope that you will be excited as we are about this step to develop teaching and learning at Madeley School, and we look forward to further developing our links with parents and carers throughout the project.

Yours sincerely,

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(Principal)

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(Assistant Principal)

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