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Dear Parent/Carer,

Since 2018, students have been using Chrome devices in school to enhance their learning. Chromebooks make up a small percentage of our fleet of Chrome devices, but have proven to be incredibly successful due to their portability, fast loading times, low cost and easy integration with our google learning platform. Chromebooks look like a small laptop, but have battery life that will last a full day of school use.

We would like to offer our students the opportunity to purchase a chromebook through a 1:1 scheme organised by the Federation and facilitated by Freedom Tech (our chosen partner). The chromebook would become the property of the student and they would use it for work in school and at home, as well as being able to use their personal account at home. Particularly given the Covid-19 pandemic, this would be a great opportunity for students to have ownership of a device which no one else would come into contact with.

By purchasing the device through the Federation, the following advantages are included:

- Option to Outright buy or spread the cost over 12/24/36 months to suit your budget



- Dedicated ordering portal: Secure and easy to access
- 3 Years Accidental Damage and Theft cover: Includes online tracking of repairs/returns
- No personal credit check
- Fully managed service: Minimal admin for the federation

We are interested in the Lenovo 100e Chromebook and we have received the following pricing as a rough estimate. Outright buy = £335, 36 months = £11.50 per month.

The prices are only a 'ballpark' figure and will hopefully reduce as more students sign up for the scheme. We are also talking to Freedom Tech about pricing for 12 and 24 month payment periods. We are hoping to start taking Sign-ups in September.

We would be grateful if you could fill in this short survey before 12:00 15th July to let us know your thoughts on the scheme: <u>https://forms.gle/ARDxhoUnJsvuV5gG8</u>

If we have enough interest we will send out more information over the summer break about the scheme and hopefully open the ordering portal so we can get these devices in for you early in the autumn term.

Regards,

Matthew Kiddell

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