



Dear Parent,

**Chromebook for Learning Project 2020-21**

When we began this project it was because we wanted our students to be prepared for an increasingly digital world. Research had confirmed that appropriate in-school and home access to technology has a positive impact on a child’s educational achievements. This 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. We have found that independent learning skills and self-confidence can grow and they can explore subjects that interest them in their own time.

In the recent months we have found that students who already had their own chrome book for use at home, made the transition to supported home learning during lockdown much more readily. We hope that we don't face this situation again, but in the event that this does happen, already having a chrome book has been a huge advantage.

**What the price includes?**

- Asus Chromebook C204MA ( [Technical Specification](#) )
- Google Chrome License for managing applications
- 3 years accidental damage cover
- 3 years extended warranty

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

We have four different plans:

	Plan 1	Plan 2	Plan 3	Plan 4
	Purchase Outright	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months
Initial Payment	£278			
Monthly Payments		£24.44	£12.98	£9.18

If you choose to purchase outright then 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<sup>th</sup> August**. The chromebooks will be issued to the students during the first week in school.

**How do I register for the scheme?**

On Friday this week we will open up the Chromebook for Learning portal on our school website and we will email you a link to this page. You need to follow the instructions on this page and register. Once you have registered, choose which of the four payment options you would prefer and you will then be asked to give payment details.

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## **What happens then?**

The portal will remain open until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August. In early August any parent who hasn't signed up to the scheme will receive a phone call as a reminder. The Chromebooks will be delivered into school the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August and will then be issued to the Year 7 students in the first week of term. This will be along with time allocated for 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 own a **Chromebook** already will be able to bring it on to the Academy network as long as it has a battery life of at least 6 hours and when used within the Academy it will be in accordance to our acceptable use policy and safety guidance. We would need to install our management software in order to enable us to provide them with access to our network, web filters and content management. In return for access to this suite of apps that will be provided to students who are members of the scheme, there would be a one-off admin fee of £35 (£16 set up fee and £19 licensing). Please contact the school at the email address below to set up this option.

Parents must 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 in this position, please contact the school to discuss this further.

## **What if I don't want to take part in the scheme?**

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

If you have any queries about the Chromebook for Learning Project that cannot be answered by our FAQ document on the school website please contact [chromebook@tarletonacademy.org](mailto:chromebook@tarletonacademy.org) or the school office.

Kind regards,  
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