



**Wellfield Academy**  
Headteacher Mr J Lewis

9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Chromebook update

Before the end of the summer term we asked for Chromebooks to be returned to school in order to update the system software and carry out any minor repairs. When we looked at the condition of the Chromebooks, there were a number that had significant damage. Some were not returned at all. We therefore looked to ways in which we could address these issues.

As a school we have continued to grow; classrooms are now fully occupied and the ratio of computer suites (we have two) to students has subsequently fallen. Added to this there have been rising costs associated with school maintenance. Having reviewed all of this as part of our planning for the years ahead we have acknowledged that the annual £30,000 investment we make in Chromebooks each year is no longer sustainable and have taken the decision not to return Chromebooks to the students themselves, instead keeping them in school to be used as bookable class sets for lessons. In so doing we are ensuring fairness and parity across the school and making more effective use of the Chromebooks we have. The phased removal has started with Years 7, 10 & 11 and will continue over the course of the next few years. We appreciate that this decision will be disappointing for some of our students.

Staff will continue to set homework on electronic systems (e.g. Sparx, Bedrock & Educake) and students will need to complete the work as required using their personal devices at home. With this in mind, we would be grateful if you could complete the online survey (link below) indicating the level of access your son/daughter has to the internet and devices at home. If you believe your son/daughter may struggle to access homework systems, please



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indicate this with the reasons on the survey and we will look at providing support on an individual basis.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1yyn0vIGMUC1ynqX3Aoe43KVvpAwL9pLtXsOxvKFit9UQU03RjBNNzFRUjZQMDDLN1cyOTFOS1Y5Ui4u>

If you have any queries or need a paper copy of this survey, please contact the office or email [ask@wellfieldacademy.org](mailto:ask@wellfieldacademy.org), marking your email FAO Mrs Day.

Kind regards,

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