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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Rossett School - Year 7 iPad Scheme 2023**

iPads are an integral part of teaching and learning at Rossett. Our aim is to develop independent learners who demonstrate responsibility, resilience and reflection so they can create and collaborate with their peers.

Whilst iPads are not used in every lesson, it is a distinct advantage if all our students have access to one at home and at school as the use of mobile technology is an essential part of our planning:

- To enhance teaching and learning
- To improve literacy and numeracy skills
- To improve feedback, collaboration and learning outside the classroom and support independent learning
- To ensure our students are well equipped to function in an ever-changing world

In order to access these benefits, every Year 7 student is required to have access to a fully functioning iPad which is brought to school, fully charged each day.

The iPad Donation Scheme is operated by the Learning Foundation and allows Parents/Carers to donate monthly for the period their child is at school - the suggested monthly donation is £13. The scheme is a Gift Aided scheme (see below for further information on Gift Aid) which will run from the start of Year 7.

The uptake of the scheme in previous years has been excellent allowing us to sustain the scheme. However, we need your support and commitment to allow this year's scheme to go ahead. This is why we ask all Parents/Carers to commit to donating the full suggested amount throughout their child's time at the school.

All of our schemes are governed by an iPad Learning Agreement. A copy of this agreement is available on the Learning Foundation website. Please read this document carefully as by joining the scheme you will be agreeing to the Terms & Conditions, including the sections relating to Loss or Damage to iPads, iPad Donations and Ownership.

Students are allowed to remain in the scheme provided they adhere to the rules in place at any one time (including repairs). If they do not, they will still be able to access a school iPad during lessons but these are not allowed home. This restriction is in place to help prevent further damage and to minimise the cost to Parents/Carers and the school. Homework can still be completed, either at school during the working day, or on a home device.

### **To join the Scheme**

Please set up a direct debit with the Learning Foundation starting on 15 September 2023, using the link below:

<https://lfportal.co.uk/Donation/Index/247>

We ask for:

- Direct Debit donations of £13 per month commencing in September, until your child leaves school.
- A commitment to donating the full amount agreed at the outset across the whole term of the scheme. Should the ability to meet this commitment change at any point please contact us at [ipad@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:ipad@rossettschool.co.uk) immediately to discuss the options available.

In return, we will issue your child with:

- A brand-new 9th Generation 32GB iPad (containing an Apple charger and charging cable)
- An STM Dux protective case (that is never to be removed except by a member of the Network Services team)
- Access to the school's Repair Service which requires a parental contribution of £50 towards repair costs. Repair fees are separate to the Gift Aid scheme and payable to the school in advance.

### **Gift Aid**

The rules governing Gift Aid schemes dictate that all donations are classed as voluntary and that no student is excluded from the use of an iPad for financial reasons. We can offer limited assistance to those households who simply cannot afford to donate or who have difficult financial circumstances. If you are unable to commit to donating the full amount over the full term of the scheme, please contact [ipad@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:ipad@rossettschool.co.uk) as soon as possible (and in advance of setting up any direct debit) so that we can discuss what will be an affordable amount for you to donate over the length of the scheme.

Gift Aid rules also mean that the iPad remains the property of the school until optionally purchased from us when invited to do so. This also means that the iPad cannot be repaired anywhere else other than through the school's Repair Service.

Should your child leave us before the end of the scheme, their iPad must be returned to the school. However, at our discretion, we may allow you to purchase the device for a price to be agreed at the time. This helps us keep the running costs of the scheme to a minimum.

### **Providing your own iPad**

In the event you are providing your own iPad for use within school please confirm this by email to [ipad@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:ipad@rossettschool.co.uk)

Students who use their own iPads in school are also required to follow the same guidelines for appropriate use as those who are part of the donation scheme. They are required to look after their iPad and take care when transporting the device to ensure that it is as secure as possible. It is also a student's responsibility to make sure the iPad is not subject to careless or malicious damage. Devices provided outside the scheme will not be supported by the Network Team and will not be covered the school warranty. External insurance must be arranged by the Parent/Carer.

### **Distribution**

Our aim is to issue iPads as early as possible in the autumn term.

### **Questions**

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [ipad@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:ipad@rossettschool.co.uk) if you have any questions about the scheme. In the meantime we would encourage you to join the scheme through the link above.

Yours sincerely

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