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Dear Parents/Carers

1-2-1 Digital Device Scheme Starting Year 7 in September 2018

Latest details

In September 2017, we introduced our 1-2-1 iPad scheme to Year 7 parents and carers. Over the first year, we have found that students have used iPads in and out of lessons as a valuable tool for learning. Using iPads has enhanced learning but has not, and will not, preclude students from mastering traditional skills such as writing and reading. Overwhelmingly the students have found the iPads great to use – developing their curiosity and motivating them as learners.

In March we sent you an information booklet about the use of iPads at RTS and the cost of the scheme, you can access this again [here](#). Governors have been keen to ensure our proposal is affordable to all parents/carers whatever their personal circumstances. We have engaged a leasing partner to manage the scheme on our behalf. Through the scheme, your child will receive a new iPad, a protective case, full warranty and insurance against accidental damage and theft. Parents will pay a small monthly payment (£11.00) or you can pay outright; with those in receipt of free school meals being offered the same scheme at half the cost (£5.00). Parent contributions are set at 36 payments of £11 per month. The total paid is the same if you pay outright or in monthly installments.

The exact details are as follows:

An iPad 2018 model 9.7" compatible with Apple Pencil	RRP £319.00 ¹
A versatile Dux protective case	RRP £49.95 ²
Warranty and insurance against theft and accidental damage including screen damage and liquid submersion	RRP £117.00 ³
Device management software	RRP £20.00
A range of apps provided by the School, including Google Suite plus other Apple Apps Access to their personal homework assignments through Google Classroom Access to their user area, our e-books fiction and non-fiction library, subject e-textbooks as well as Google drive at school and home	

Students who already have an iPad will be allowed to use it. However, due to safeguarding procedures the iPad would need to be factory reset (blanked), set up and fully controlled by the school's mobile device management system (MDM). The self-owned iPad should not be more than one year old and meet the specification of those used in school. Families choosing this option must purchase the same protective case and contribute £20 per year for the MDM software. If this is your preferred option, email: administrator@rts.richmond.sch.uk for more details regarding specifications which can run the school's MDM software.

¹ Based on current model which is lower than previously listed

² Based on current model which is higher than previously listed

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You will also need to agree to the school Acceptable Use Agreement, the Behaviour for Learning policy and the Personal iPad-use Agreement, which essentially asks you to agree to your personal iPad being treated as a school iPad, that can be confiscated if, for example, your child was not complying with school's acceptable use agreements and other policies or that it can remain in school overnight or over a school holiday for updates.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, we will ask you to make a reduced contribution of £5 per month. You are eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension
- Credit Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you are not receiving free school meals, but feel you may be eligible, please contact the school office for the relevant forms. If joining the scheme is likely to cause you severe financial hardship, please contact the school office (info@rts.richmond.sch.uk).

Access to the scheme is available through our website - [click here](#) - where you will find full details and instructions on how to sign up to the scheme. You will need to enter an access code during the sign-up process: **richmond2018**

You must sign up to the scheme before 11 August 2018 to ensure your child's device is ready for collection in September 2018. You will be able to sign the acceptable use policy just before your child's iPad is issued. The iPad should be taken home every day and over the holidays, and it will be compulsory for students to bring their iPad in every day for use in lessons, fully charged.

Access to the internet will be filtered and access to apps will be controlled through the MDM to ensure that school work is given priority in their use.

If you have any questions about the scheme, please email: administrator@rts.richmond.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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