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Offer of full restrictions on iPads for Years 9-11

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your sons have had an enjoyable and restful break, it seems incredible that it is over already. However, we are heading into an exciting year for your sons, and we look forward to welcoming them back.

I write to offer a change to your son's iPad restrictions, should you wish it. We have changed the restrictions on all Year 8 iPads to Full, this means that they will be restricted both at school and at home, and thus will only be able to be used for school work. You would have been offered it when your son first received his iPad, but, due to parental request, we have now made this a blanket policy for all Year 8s purchasing an iPad through the school.

There is absolutely no expectation for you to take this offer, but should you wish to do so, please contact Mr Horseman ithelp@rgshw.com.

As ever, please let us know if you have any questions, and thank you again for your support to date.

Yours sincerely

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iPad Scheme – 2019

iPads at RGS

iPads are an important feature of the school's curriculum teaching and are introduced to pupils in year 8. Parents have the choice of providing an iPad themselves for their son's use or they can participate in the school's iPad scheme.

What does the school's programme offer?

The iPad offered by the scheme is an Apple iPad 32 Gb with wifi together with keyboard and a robust case. In addition, a 2-year warranty is included as well as insurance. The iPad can be used at home as well as school but please note that the devices are restricted so that social media websites for example cannot be accessed.

How does the programme work?

The iPad scheme runs for a period of 2 years and is administered on behalf of the school by The Learning Foundation which is a registered education charity.

Parents can choose to either make a one-off donation or regular monthly donations over a 24-month period. In return your son has the use of an iPad both at home and school for 2 years. At the end of the 2 years you can choose to either return the device to the school or buy the device from the school at the market value.

The Learning Foundation and gift aid

The Learning Foundation collects donations on behalf of the school to save us administration costs. They will collect your donation as one upfront payment or every month, (as you decide), apply for Gift Aid where applicable and then grant the money back to the school to pay the programme expenses.

It is vital that you "tick the gift aid box" if you are a UK taxpayer otherwise the cost of administering the collection of monthly donations has to be paid by the school.

How much will it cost?

If you choose to make a single upfront donation then the cost will be £295.00.

Alternatively, you can choose to make monthly donations of £14.50 for the 24 months of the 2-year programme.

A few questions and answers

- Who owns the iPads? The iPads are the property of the school and are provided to students at the discretion of the school. Your contribution is a charitable donation towards the programme, not a payment towards the iPad.
- What happens at the end of two years? The school has no plans to retain the devices after the end of the scheme. They will be offered to parents for a small fee (currently estimated at £56) linked to the market value at that time in line with Gift Aid rules.
- What happens if the iPad gets damaged or lost? The iPad will be insured for accidental damage (provided it is in the recommended case) and theft. However, if your son is careless or damages the iPad deliberately you will be asked to cover the cost of repair

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