

October 2019

Dear Parents

**Year 7 Childnet and iPad Information Evening**  
**1830 – 2000 Wednesday 13 November 2019, Queen's Hall**

On Wednesday 13 November we will run a joint Childnet and iPad information evening and would like all Year 7 parents to attend. We do not expect sons to attend.

**iPad Information Presentation**

As you may also be aware, our current Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students use iPads in lessons and when completing homework. As part of the RGS Digital Strategy, we believe our boys must have the ability to use digital technology to support and enhance their learning / work. We are focusing on developing the key skills they will need in the wider world with particular focus on the Office 365 suite of applications.

From January 2020 we would like your son to have an iPad in School to use in lessons. If your son does not have his own suitable iPad, we are able to offer access to devices through a very affordable scheme, the details of which are attached after this letter. This part of the above meeting will run from 1830-1900.

**Childnet Presentation**

All Year 7 students will be seeing a Childnet presentation on E-Safety on Wednesday, this will be supported by the parents' presentation at 1900-2000 at this Information Evening.

As you will note from the Child Protection Policy which was sent out to parents on 7 October 2019, E-Safety is a major concern for young people. Issues around content, contact and conduct on-line, sexting and cyber-bullying are well documented nationally as the numbers of young people involved with such concerns are increasing alarmingly. Sadly, on occasions, RGS students are also involved with such E-Safety concerns. To help us support Year 7 students in this important area we would hope that all Year 7 parents will be able to attend the Childnet presentation.

Please confirm your attendance using the Parents' Meeting software which can be accessed by clicking on this link <https://rgshw.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and logging on following the instructions given.

We advise your son stores his iPad in his locker when at games or break/lunchtime. If you do not have a locker, there are 14 empty lockers near L8; if you would like to order one of these please contact ILS directly using the following link <https://ilsschools.co.uk/>.

We look forward to meeting you on 13 November and thank you, in advance, for your support,

Yours sincerely

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## iPad Scheme – 2019/20

### iPads at RGS

iPads are an important feature of the School's curriculum teaching and are, for the first time and on teacher request, being introduced to pupils in Year 7. 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 Wi-Fi **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 must be paid by the School.

### How much will it cost?

The costs of the iPads will be discussed at the meeting on Wednesday 13 November. We will offer a one-off cost and a schedule spread over 24 months. We cannot give you more detailed information at the moment as the pricing for the new keyboard has not yet been released. However, as a guide, last year's iPad was a £295 one-off cost, with a final donation at market value of £56 after two years.

### 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