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Dear Parents and Carers

Launch of the Baysgarth Chromebook Leasing Scheme

No one can deny the learning environment has evolved significantly over the last 10 months. We have looked to find solutions to remote learning for our families that are cost-effective, easy to manage and allow for enhanced teacher and learning opportunities.

In partnership with a leading education charity, Edutech Student, and PrimaryTech, we have found the best way for the school to give parents access to the latest devices to support your child's educational development in the current Covid-19 circumstances.

Parental Device Contribution is an easy, low cost and manageable way to provide students with the tools they need to work confidently from home. You pay a small monthly contribution over two or three years, which includes a three-year warranty, two insurance claims per year, web filtering and a case to protect the device.

Why should I use this leasing scheme rather than just buy a laptop or Chromebook for my child?

There are many advantages to this scheme compared to buying an off-the-shelf machine:

- There are no credit checks (everyone who applies for the leasing scheme will be approved), admin fees, interest payments or up-front costs.
- You can pay monthly rather than having to pay a lump sum or deposit.
- If you are eligible for Free School Meals, the school will apply a significant subsidy, meaning your monthly payment is very low.
- Because we are working with a charity, you can Gift Aid your contribution, which means the government also makes a contribution, allowing us to provide credit over three years with no interest. This money also provides a fund to cover missed payments for families that run into financial difficulties.
- The Chromebook you receive will come with all the same programmes we use at school pre-installed. Your Google license is included and everything is already set up, meaning you can just plug it in and log on with your school login details for instant access.
- The Chromebook has the same web filtering software we use in school, so you know it can't be used by your child to access inappropriate content on the internet. Set up, filtered, secure.
- You own the device at the end of the lease period - there is no hidden final payment.
- Comprehensive parental aftercare. There is a special, UK-based, dedicated support hotline/email/web chat for parents available 8.30am-8.00pm, Monday to Saturday. This can advise on technology questions, payment queries, insurance and warranty claims. This gives parents a total peace of mind support package.
- Your Chromebook is fully insured for the duration of the lease and the insurance and warranty registration is automatic so there are no complicated forms to complete. You can make two insurance claims under the policy.
- We also include a live stream webinar for parents to attend to learn about how the Chromebook works, safeguarding and Google Classroom.

- Unlike a device you might purchase from a shop or online, this Chromebook will work equally well at school as at home. It will already be synced to our Baysgarth accounts and we welcome students bringing their device into school to support them with their learning. We will provide secure storage for devices brought into school for when students might leave their bag unattended, such as in a P.E. lesson.
- The Chromebook is from one of the manufacturers with the best reputation in the world for quality machines, Dell, and comes with a Dell Chromebook case for added protection. It is very difficult to find stock of these machines at the moment with the world in partial lockdown but we have secured a good supply for our families. You can see the technical specifications for the Chromebook [here](#).

What are the different packages available?

Unfortunately, this leasing scheme isn't available to our Year 11 students due to their short time left at Baysgarth. There will be another round of leasing in the summer term for our new Year 7 students, so they have the opportunity to lease a device ready for starting at Baysgarth with us in September. For the rest of our students, the different packages are set out below and vary according to year group as this determines how much longer the child has at Baysgarth.

Parents of students in Year 7 or Year 8

This is a three-year leasing scheme. You will receive a brand new Dell Chromebook and case, fully set up, with all the licenses, web filtering software included, and full accessibility to Baysgarth School systems, meaning the device can be used both at home and in school.

The machine comes with all the benefits outlined above, including being fully insured for the three-year duration of the lease. You get to keep the device at the end of the leasing scheme.

You will pay 36 monthly payments of £14.50

Families who receive Free School Meals will have 36 monthly payments of only £5 and will be sent a unique code, which they can enter on the portal website to access their discounted price.

Parents of students in Year 9

This is a two-year leasing scheme. You will receive a brand new Dell Chromebook and case, fully set up, with all the licenses, web filtering software included, and full accessibility to Baysgarth School systems, meaning the device can be used both at home and in school.

The machine comes with all the benefits outlined above, including being fully insured for the two-year duration of the lease. You get to keep the device at the end of the leasing scheme.

You will pay 24 monthly payments of £19.50

Families who receive Free School Meals will have 24 monthly payments of only £6 and will be sent a unique code which they can enter on the portal website to access their discounted price.

Parents of students in Year 10

This is a two year leasing scheme, with the payments being spread over fifteen months, ensuring you complete all payments before your child leaves Baysgarth next summer. You will receive a brand new Dell Chromebook and case, fully set up, with all the licenses, web filtering software included, and full accessibility to Baysgarth School systems, meaning the device can be used both at home and in school.

The machine comes with all the benefits outlined above, including being fully insured for two-years. You get to keep the device at the end of the leasing scheme.

You will pay 15 monthly payments of £31

Families who receive Free School Meals will have 15 monthly payments of only £7.50 and will be sent a unique code which they can enter on the portal website to access their discounted price.

How do I sign up?

There is a dedicated website or portal which our families can use to sign up for the scheme. The portal will be open for two weeks from now until **Sunday 14th February**. Families who registered for the scheme before Christmas will be given priority, along with all of our families who are eligible for Free School Meals. Our aim is that there should be no child in our school that cannot work effectively from home, so these groups will have priority. These families will receive a letter informing them about the portal and how they can register.

We have 90 Chromebooks available in this first round. If we don't have 90 families who sign up from the priority groups mentioned above, we will open up the portal to the rest of our community on a first come, first served basis. Remember, if you miss out this time there will be another opportunity for families in the summer term when we open a second round for new and existing students.

Once students have all received their Chromebooks, we will host a free webinar for parents in conjunction with PrimaryTech that goes through a demonstration of the device, how to make the most of Google Classroom and how we ensure students are safeguarded. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions about payments or support. In addition, an FAQ document is attached to this letter to give you more information about the scheme.

We hope this answers any queries you may have had, but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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