



Tadcaster Grammar School

'A Culture of Excellence'

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Dear Parents

Tadcaster Grammar School – Chromebook for Learning Scheme

I am writing to inform you that from September 2018 we are launching an exciting *Chromebook for Learning* scheme, giving all of our new Year 7 students the opportunity to own their own Chromebook for use in lessons and at home.

What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a kind of laptop computer, running Google Chrome as its operating system. The device is used primarily while connected to the Internet, with most applications and data residing in "the cloud". Chromebooks differ from a normal laptop in that a robust 'device management system' allows for strict monitoring of use, internet filtering and other vital e-Safety restrictions whilst in school.

Why are we introducing the Chromebook for Learning scheme?

The use of chromebooks will not replace, but supplement our existing learning strategies. Importantly chromebooks give students seamless access to Google Apps for Education, (G-Suite) which are being used increasingly across the school to enhance the learning experience. 'Google Classroom' in particular is an extremely powerful application, which offers collaborative and interactive educational activities, effective online feedback and improved communication between teacher, student and even parent.

Over the last two years all our teaching staff have received training in the use of the Google education environment, and we have carried out a number of successful trials using the devices themselves. More recently, we have identified three members of staff as 'Google Leaders', who are working towards official 'Google Educator' certification. They will be working across the curriculum to ensure effective use of G-Suite and the Chromebooks, by providing further training and guidance to both staff and students.

Our research has convinced us this technology will support our 'Culture of Excellence', which is why we are so keen to press ahead with the scheme.

What are the next steps?

We are offering families the opportunity to purchase a device for a reasonable and competitive monthly direct debit payment, which will be significantly cheaper than the equivalent available on the high street. At the end of the payment period, the chromebook will be yours to keep.

Although we hope families will take up this opportunity ***there is no obligation on parents to contribute to the scheme, as it is entirely voluntary.*** Students who do not have their own device will be able to borrow a chromebook when required, but will need to collect and return it to our ICT support team before and after use. We must stress, however, that without your support we will be unable to fully and effectively deliver this initiative.

As a school we will be investing into the infrastructure at the school to ensure that every student can reliably access the network and all of the digital content required for us to deliver educational excellence. We will also be investing in software and associated services to enhance the way that we deliver the curriculum throughout all subject areas.

What's included?

You will receive:

- a Chromebook
- a protective carry case
- education specific **accidental damage and theft insurance (with zero excess)**
- a three year warranty
- software and full on-site support for the duration of the scheme whilst your child remains a student at Tadcaster Grammar school.

Please see the attached information sheet, and visit the new page on the school website under the 'Parents' tab ([Click here](#)) which contains information regarding the scheme. It also includes answers to frequently asked questions.

LINK: <https://web.tgsch.uk/parents/chromebooks-for-learning-scheme/>

We will be holding an information evening about the scheme on 20th June which will start at 7pm and finish around 7.45 pm.

This evening is designed to provide you with a better understanding of the initiative and how and when the "rollout" to the students will take place. If you have any concerns or questions not addressed by the information sheet or web page, please contact us using the email address chromebooks@tgsch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr M Sibley
Executive Headteacher



Chromebooks for Learning Scheme

Security

Speed

Shareable

Simplicity

PDF

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At Tadcaster Grammar School we want to provide students with access to state-of-the-art IT equipment that works seamlessly with our own systems

Chromebooks for Learning

Create, share, collaborate using Google Apps for Education. • Organise homework and classwork through Google Classroom. • Use digital tools to support research and writing. • Think and behave creatively across all subjects using cloud apps for exploring, designing and planning.

Ordering portal details

www.tech4learners.co.uk

Username: **Tad2018**

Password: **Welcome01**

FAQs

How long can I spread the payments over?

12, 24 or 36 months depending on your preference.

What happens at the end of the agreement?

On your final payment the device becomes yours.

Will there be any credit checks?

No everyone is approved and there are no credit checks.

What is the excess on the insurance policy?

There is no excess on either the insurance or warranty and you will receive the policy details with your device.

How do I make an insurance or warranty claim?

You will be provided with a policy and claims document detailing how to make a warranty or insurance claim.

Can students use the device at home?

Yes. Students can use the chromebook to further enhance their learning, but can use it as their own personal device at home.

How many devices can I order?

One per student on roll at the School.

When will I receive the device?

The ordering window will open on the 08.06.18 and orders need to be placed by 11.07.18. Your first direct debit will be collected on 25.07.18. Devices will be delivered to the School in time for the start of term and will be handed out to students.

What happens if I miss a payment or can no longer afford the device?

You will have to return the device; you will not own the device until the final payment is made.

What happens if I cannot afford to join the scheme?

Please contact the School to discuss options.

Full terms and conditions are available on the parent portal :

www.tech4learners.co.uk

What if my child leaves the School?

You must return the device to the School or alternatively pay the outstanding payments to take ownership of the device.



Having access to the latest technology when and where they need it, gives students the very best chance of success in and beyond the classroom. But for parents and carers, making that investment can be a struggle and the equipment they choose may not always be in line with the School's existing systems and infrastructure.

The Equipment On Offer

Our preferred device is the Viglen 360 touchscreen Chromebook. Which comes with a warranty in case of any technical problems, as well as insurance for accidental damage and theft.

How Technology Supports Students' Learning.

Chromebooks will not replace, but supplement our existing learning strategies. They give students access to Google Apps for Education which will greatly enhance the learning experience. 'Google Classroom' in particular is an extremely powerful application, which offers collaborative and interactive educational activities, effective online feedback and improved communication between teacher, student and parent.

How The Device Is Funded

Parents and carers commit to fixed monthly payments, and can spread the cost with no personal credit check required.

- Full breakdown warranty
- Fully insured for accidental damage and theft (ADT)
- The device is yours at the end of the payment term

How to order

Visit our partner's online ordering portal, or contact the school for more information. Please note that orders must be placed within this timeframe.

Key dates

Portal opens	08.06.18
Portal closes	11.07.18
First direct debit	25.07.18
Delivery	04.09.18

Viglen 360 Rugged Touchscreen Chromebook



A multipurpose device with spill resistant Keyboard and Trackpad. Splash proof design to protect against accidents. Booting within 8 secs allowing learning to start straight away.

Easy-to-use touch screen. 90cm drop tested to help prevent against accidents.

Rugged and foldable design. Lockable keyboard prevents against mistyping. Allows students to share and collaborate on tasks together.



Costs

12 months	£28.65/ month
24 months	£15.34 / month
36 months	£10.89 / month

Terms available with no credit check required

Cash option £310.83

