



# PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Students Chromebook Launch - Parent Survey Summary and Next Steps

Last month, we sent out a survey asking for your thoughts on our plans to enable every student at Parmiter's to have one-to-one access to technology. As promised, I'm now writing to share with you the results of this survey and our proposed next steps.

### Survey summary

Around 84% of you completed the survey, which has given us huge confidence in the data provided. We learned that:

- 85% of respondents were in favour of the move to individual Chromebooks
- 92% of respondents said that they understood the educational benefits of the plan.

Many of you had questions about the scheme, which we've included in the FAQ document (see link at the end of this letter). This document includes information about how to access support with the cost of purchasing a Chromebook if it is unaffordable for your family at this time.

### Next steps for all

The overwhelming positivity of the results from the survey has left us with no doubt that we should continue with our roll-out plans. Next week, parents and carers of students in Years 6 - 9 will receive a letter explaining how to register for the scheme from our partner company Freedom Technology. This letter will include details of the specification of the Chromebook device chosen, the financial breakdown of the package and the available payment options.

**If you would like to purchase a Chromebook through the school's partner company**, then no action is required until you receive the letter from Freedom Technology next week. Please note that families of students who are in receipt of any form of Pupil Premium or who have three or more children in school will be sent an additional letter outlining the financial support available to them.

**If you would like your child/children to use their own Chromebook** (no other device types are permitted) in school, then the device/s will need to be added to the school domain at a cost of £30 each. To register your intention, please complete [this form](#) (one for each child) **by 7 June**.

**If you do not wish to be part of the scheme**, please let us know by completing [this form](#) **by 7 June**. This information is necessary to help us to plan how best to ensure that your child has access to the same opportunities as their peers next academic year.

**If you are the parent/carer of a current Year 11 student** that plans to move up into Year 12 next year, you will receive the information you need to join the scheme once your child's entry into the Sixth Form has been confirmed in September.

Please be reminded that we will not be offering the scheme to students who are moving into Years 11 and 13 next year, for both academic and financial reasons.

A number of you have generously asked how you might donate extra to support other families. We are in the process of creating a shop for this on WisePay and will send you more details when it is ready.

**And finally...**

If you have any questions not covered by this [FAQ document](#) or the letters due to be sent out next week, please get in touch.

- For enquiries about financial support, please e-mail [finance@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)
- For technical enquiries, please e-mail [chromebooks@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:chromebooks@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)
- And for all other enquiries, please e-mail [admin@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)

We very much look forward to progressing with the roll-out and enabling students at Parmiter's to take advantage of all of the educational benefits provided by this opportunity.

Yours sincerely



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