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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 7 Chromebook Roll Out

As discussed at the recent Parent Information Evening, I am writing to invite you to purchase a chromebook to support your child's learning.

At Waldegrave we firmly believe it is our responsibility to prepare our students for their future lives. Technology is a crucial component of the modern world and enables access to excellent and ever evolving learning resources and opportunities. As such we continue to develop the use of technology within the curriculum, incorporating chromebooks alongside traditional learning methods to ensure all students are able to achieve their full potential and maximise their progress.

To secure your child's device you will need to log in to the following portal to register your details and choose your payment option.

<https://waldegrave.parentportal.biz> code WAL10-10

There will be three payment options for your child's device:

Option 1 is a one off payment (£458.28)

Option 2 is payment through 12 monthly instalments (£38.65 per month)

Option 3 is payment through 18 monthly instalments (£26.97 per month)

All options include the device, a protective sleeve, 3 year insurance cover, 3 year warranty and an individual Google licence that will remain on the device whilst your child is at Waldegrave. Your child's device will be theirs to keep at the end of their time at Waldegrave School..

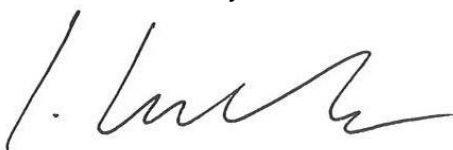
Devices will be provided to all Pupil Premium students at no cost. If your child is a pupil premium student, you do not need to register on the portal, the chromebook will be issued automatically.

Non PP students are encouraged to purchase a device to enhance learning and organisation both at school and at home. Chromebooks will be available to borrow for lessons in the KS3 hub for those who do not wish to purchase one. These will need to be signed out for a lesson and returned.

We plan for Year 7 to begin to use their chromebooks on the week beginning 14th October.

I have included FAQs at the end of this document which hopefully will answer any questions you have.

Yours sincerely



Mr I Goulbourne
Deputy Headteacher

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to do next?

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You will be asked to complete finance details via the Edde parent portal nearer the time and at that time you have the opportunity to change payment plan if you wish. Please note that we will be firmly ordering your child's chromebook following this initial indication.

My child already has a device at home, what should they do?

Due to a variety of safeguarding, technical and insurance factors we are unable to permit students to use externally purchased devices here in school. The Chrome devices in our programme come with a Waldegrave specific Google licence and our Cloud Safeguarding software only works with school Chromebook devices.

My child is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant / Free School Meals. Do I need to do anything?

Devices will be provided to you at no cost to you. Your child will receive a device on the same day as the roll out along with all other students. If you are not sure if this applies to you, please email info@waldegravesch.org to check.

Can the device be used outside school?

Yes it is a portable device and intended to support students in their independent learning and with homework activities as well as being used in lessons.

Is the usage monitored?

Yes - by our safeguarding and monitoring software named 'smoothwall'. Students will also sign up to a chromebook code of conduct. Usage will be monitored during lessons.

Who owns the device?

Once the payments are completed the device will be owned by whoever paid for it. Devices donated by the school will need to be returned to the school once students leave Waldegrave.

What happens if my child drops the device?

This is covered by the insurance. Please call Edde on 01494 611465 or organise an insurance claim. A back up bank of Chromebooks will be available in school to ensure the student is not disadvantaged.

What happens if my child loses the device?

Unfortunately this is the only aspect of the device's ownership that is not covered by insurance. You may wish to look if this is covered by your home insurance instead.

What happens if my child has their device stolen?

This is covered by insurance. Please call Edde on 01494 611465 or organise an insurance claim. A back up bank of Chromebooks will be available in school to ensure the student is not disadvantaged.

Will Chromebooks take the place of traditional teaching methods?

Our staff have been fully trained in how to blend the use of devices with traditional methods of learning. For example, an English teacher might have a small group collaborate on one piece of writing virtually, and then this will evolve into a formal handwritten piece in an assessment book.

Will you also continue to teach other operating systems aside from Google Suite?

Our Computing Department will continue to teach different operating systems including Microsoft Windows, Apple macOS and subject specific software in, for example, DT and Music. We also ensure that we have a range of different devices in school so students experience different types of hardware.