



Dear Parents/ Carers,

1:1 iPad Scheme for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

At Eastlea you know we aim to ensure that we provide our children with as many different and exciting opportunities as we can. In the spring term we are hoping to introduce something completely new to the children in Years 2, 3 and 4. We are looking at the possibility of introducing a '**1:1 iPad scheme**' for the children in these year groups.

By paying for your child to take part in this scheme it would mean that they had their own iPad for use in school and at home – which you would pay for in instalments and would then become yours to keep at the end of the payment period.

Why is this scheme important?

We already use iPads throughout school to support children in their learning and provide them with opportunities to showcase a range of skills. We are hoping that with the roll out of this scheme of '1:1 devices', each child will have their own iPad to use and this will allow us to further to develop the children's readiness for the ever changing digital world by becoming:

- **Self-Directed Learners** – allowing all pupils to reach their full potential through access to a wide range of resources and experiences.
- **Partners in Learning** – mentally stimulating and engaging all pupils in the process of learning and allowing them to apply their knowledge to solve real-world problems.
- **Show Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills** – prepare our pupils for lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing society.

Will iPads replace learning in other ways?

Absolutely not! With your support, we aim to launch the scheme initially with the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 and incorporate the use of the iPad into their daily learning routines. The iPad will NOT replace the more 'traditional learning' but we see it as a tool that the children can use to **enhance and extend their learning across the whole curriculum**. As a school we will also be investing funds into training for all staff to use the iPads. Without a doubt the educational benefits are huge and will contribute to the development, both academic and personal of our pupils.

So how does the '1:1 iPad scheme work?

The scheme that we are looking at allows parents to pay monthly (using direct debit via an online portal) towards the cost of an iPad. The ownership of the iPad will be transferred to parents at the end of the payments. School security and E-safety software will be provided on the device and we **will expect that the iPad is brought into school every day and taken home each night and is used for education** (most age appropriate games are allowed).

How much will the scheme cost?

Payments can be arranged in a variety of ways - parents are able to pay the full cost up front or spread the cost monthly over a 24 month or 36-month time period.

Guidance that we have been given so far suggests that **an approximate outline of monthly costs could be approximately £16 per month**. This price would include a 2020 32GB iPad, with a very durable case, extended warranty and insurance for accidental damage and theft. The costs generally seem to be very good value for money and this is what attracted us to the scheme.

My child already has an iPad – so how would this work for us?

If your child already has an iPad, there is a way that their own device can be used in school as part of this scheme. However, this would only be possible if the device was a specific model and you allowed us to put all of our school security and e-safety software onto the device. The reason we need the devices to be a specific model is so that when we are using the iPads in school all children are able to actively take part.

What next?

If you are interested in joining the iPad scheme in January, could you please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible. Please note, this is not your order for the iPad - we would just like to estimate how many people are interested.

If we get enough interest in the scheme then our aim is to get started straight away in January...we had hoped to be able to confirm details before Christmas (knowing that having a new iPad would have perhaps been an ideal Christmas present), but in common with many other things at the moment, a change in timescales has meant this has not been possible.

The 1:1 iPad scheme is something completely new at Eastlea and we understand there will be lots of questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Betham
Head of Computing

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Child's name:

Class:.....

I am interested in joining the iPad scheme: Yes / No (please circle)

Parent/Carer's name:

Parent/Carer Signature: