



20th June 2017

Dear Parents,

Re. iPads at Hyde Park School

I am delighted to be writing with further news about our iPad project. As you may be aware, we have conducted a great deal of research and this initiative has proved very successful in other schools. From September 2017 all children in Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6 will use their own iPad across the curriculum. We are all very excited that our pupils will be leaping ahead in terms of using technology and as a tool for collaboration in their learning. As a result, we are asking that you cover the cost of an iPad, a robust iPad case with integrated keyboard, insurance cover, a wall mountable, lockable charging unit, and some Apps, which amounts to a total of £495.00 per child. We envisage that the children will get two or perhaps three years' use out of their device. You will be invoiced for this over the summer. Please be prompt with payment so that your child's iPad can be issued on the first day of term. The use of technology can bring risks as well as opportunities. We have thought carefully about the ways in which we manage the risks associated with tablet technology, and documents will soon be available on the School's website which will set out the guidelines and rules that we follow. We ask that you read the documents on these pages carefully and ensure that your child knows how to use their iPad responsibly, both at school and at home. With your support, we aim to make sure that iPads enhance the quality of learning and teaching throughout Hyde Park School. Details of the home-school agreement to be signed digitally by both you and your child will also be available on the School's website soon. Hyde Park School benefits from fast, reliable Wi-Fi across the site. We will also be running mobile device management software, allowing our IT support team (Albion) to optimize the functionality and security of mobile devices within the School. We look forward to the children benefiting from the opportunities that the technology offers. I will write again before the end of term once the iPads in Education agreement is ready for you to sign digitally through the website. This will need to be done by Monday 4th September so that we are able to complete the set-up of your child's iPad over the first few days of term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Watt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Watt', written in a cursive style.

Deputy Head