



23 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### **iPads for Learning Scheme – Year 10 2024 Programme**

I am writing to explain our iPads for Learning Scheme and invite you to join the scheme by Monday 13 February 2024. This is so that we can place an order for new devices to be issued in March.

This year, our iPads for Learning scheme for Year 10 students is being revamped in a number of different ways to help:

- Improve the experience of classroom learning
- Provide better security and controls for parents and the school
- Help to keep students safe online
- Help students focus on the iPad as a device for learning

Apple Classroom and JAMF Teacher will allow teaching staff to not only view iPad screens at any time in lessons, but also lock students into a particular app to prevent distractions, instantly restrict websites, camera use etc, as well as much more.

The scheme remains a Gift Aid scheme. It will run from Year 10 right the way towards the end of Year 13, covering 36 months in total (3 years).

Support in previous years has allowed us to sustain our schemes, but we still need your continuing support and commitment to allow this year's scheme to go ahead. This is why we ask all Parents/Carers to commit to paying the full amount we ask for over the full term of the scheme.

The rules governing Gift Aid schemes dictate that all payments are classed as voluntary and that no student is excluded from the use of an iPad due to financial reasons. Whilst funding is tight, we can offer limited assistance to those households who have difficult financial circumstances. Therefore, if you are unable to commit to paying the full amount over the full term of the scheme, please contact me as soon as possible (and in advance of setting up any direct debit).

Gift Aid rules also mean that the iPad remains the property of the school until optionally purchased from us at the end of Year 11 or at the end of the Scheme in Year 13. This means that it cannot be repaired anywhere else other than through the school's repair service. The details of this are readily available on the school's website at <https://www.rossettschool.co.uk/our-school/ipads-for-learning-repairslost-ipads/>.

Should your child leave us before the end of the scheme, their iPad must be returned to the school. This helps us to keep the running costs of the scheme to a minimum.

### **The Year 10 iPad Programme 2024**

All of our schemes are governed by an iPad for Learning Document, and I enclose a copy of the latest version - (Y10 iPads for Learning Agreement December 2023) - for your consideration.

Please read this document carefully as by joining the scheme you will be agreeing to its Terms and Conditions - particularly the sections relating to Loss or Damage to iPads, iPad Donations and Ownership.

Students are allowed to remain in the scheme provided they adhere to the current rules, including repairs, in place at any one time. If they do not, they will still have access to a school iPad, but it will be a **Leave At School iPad** and not a scheme iPad.

Please be aware that **Leave At School iPads** are not allowed home. They have this restriction to help prevent further damage and to minimise the cost to parents and school. Homework can still be completed, either at school during the working day, or on a home device via Showbie.com or Homework4. Student emails, and the whole suite of Microsoft Office programmes can be accessed via Microsoft Office 365.

### **Joining the Scheme**

**Please set up a direct debit** with the Learning Foundation (a charitable organisation that deals with the scheme donations on the school's behalf) **starting on the 5 March 2024** using the link below:

<https://lfportal.co.uk/Donation/Index/265>

1. **Please also return the attached iPad Consent form** to me as soon as possible either by email to [RSipads@rs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:RSipads@rs.rklt.co.uk) (or by sending in a hard copy). This allows me to release an appointment for your child to collect their iPad towards the end of January.

In summary, we ask for:

- Direct Debit donations of £13 per month over 36 months starting on the 5 March 2024
- A commitment to paying the amount agreed at the outset across the whole term of the scheme\*  
*\*Should the ability to meet this commitment change at any point please contact the iPad Administrator straight away to discuss the options available*
- A fully completed iPad consent form to be held on file.

In return we will issue your child with:

- A brand-new and boxed 9<sup>th</sup> generation 64GB Wi-Fi model iPad, containing an Apple charger and charging cable.
- A school protective case – only to be removed by a member of the IT Services or iPads team.
- Apps required for lessons under the Apple for Education licence\*\*  
*\*\*The Apple for Education licence including the access to all apps remains with school. This does not transfer with any iPad bought from school.*
- Access to the school's repair service which requires a parental contribution of £50\*\*\* towards repair costs.

\*\*\*Repair fees are separate to the Gift Aid scheme and payable in advance according to the published Repairs Procedure outlined on our website. Whilst we strive to remain generous with our repair cover, Terms and Conditions and repair fees are subject to change at any time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Lister". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

**Mrs M Lister**

Finance Administrator for iPads

Rossett School

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