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iPads Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the large majority of you who were able to take the time to join one of the iPads for Learning parent information sessions last week. If you were unable to, don't worry. A recording of this session along with frequently asked questions and additional information can be found on the dedicated iPads for Learning section of the Windsor Academy Trust website which can be accessed [here](#). We are really encouraged by the positive response from parents. We are wholly committed to working with you to maximise the impact of iPads to accelerate learning and improve our children's life chances.

The Parent Portal for enrolment onto the iPads for Learning scheme will be open from 3pm on Tuesday the 6th October and will close on Friday 16th October. This slight delay is the responsibility of the company providing the parent portal.

Registering onto the scheme is a very quick and simple process and you can access the portal here <https://www.cpu.co.uk/cint/mobilelearning/selectSchool.asp>. You will then be requested to enter your school registration code which is **Rivers1**. A step-by-step guide to the Parent Portal is set out at the bottom of this letter.

During the parent information evenings we shared with you that the iPads will be operated through a managed Apple ID (rather than a personal Apple ID). This enables the school to ensure that applications (apps) on the device are safe and have an appropriate educational focus. Maintaining the integrity of 'iPads for Learning' is important to us.

Some parents have suggested they would value greater flexibility with the device when it is at home. Enabling students to add on their own applications (e.g. social media or non-educational games) would mean switching daily from a personal Apple ID at home to a school managed Apple ID during the school day. For various reasons, including using a significant amount of memory and safeguarding reasons

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associated with non age appropriate applications and pulling personal photos and videos onto the iPads, this daily management is not a practical or safe solution.

Having listened to your feedback, we recognise that some degree of flexibility is important. As a result, we have made the decision to take the restrictions off the iPads during school holidays. This will enable a personal Apple ID login and the flexible use of applications during the holiday period. It will be parents/carers responsibility to ensure that the iPad is used safely at home. Moving forward, we will continue to monitor this approach.

If you have any questions, not addressed in the frequently asked questions (FAQ's) please contact Mrs Dawes. Please also make contact if you would like to discuss affordability and we will ensure sensitivity and confidentiality to work out a way to ensure your child accesses their personal iPad.

This is a really exciting time for us and I'm really pleased Year 4 is having the opportunity to be the first year group at Rivers to have this experience. Look out for the clips that Miss Ravat and Miss Holland will be sharing this week of them using an iPad in the class with your children. Thank you for support with this and please do get in touch if you have any further questions.

Step-by-step guide to the parent portal

There is an expandable menu structure where you click on the '+' symbol at the left hand end of each blue ribbon to reveal the option and complete the requested fields. Correctly completed fields will be acknowledged with a green tick appearing at the right hand end of the blue ribbon.

- In the first option 'Offer Overview', this simply details what is in the package, so please click on the image to accept the offer details.
- In the second option 'Contribution Options', please use the drop down arrow to select either 'Single payment – 33 months insurance' to select a one off payment of £510.50 or '33 month contribution – 33 months insurance' to choose to pay £16 per month for 33 months.
- The 'Contribution Agreement' will need to be accepted before you can proceed to
- 'Account Details' which enables you to create a CPU portal account (for future login to the portal).
- The 'Order Details' section is where you need to enter your (and your child's) details.
- Finally, the portal will take your 'Payment Details' for the direct debit payments (or you can choose to fill in a direct debit mandate form to email after placing the order).
- Once you have entered the details you will be asked to 'Place Order' and the process is complete.

Yours sincerely

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