



Our ref: JAC/SSA

16th October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 7 iPassport

On Friday 19th October most of our Year 7 students will begin taking their iPads home. The students have been working hard to earn the badges needed for their iPassport. Most of our students have demonstrated exemplary behaviour in managing the iPad responsibly. They have also shown an excellent understanding of the principles relating to e-safety. A small number of students have not yet demonstrated these behaviours so will have to work a little longer to earn the iPassport in order to take the iPad home.

Your child will be bringing a charger home with their iPad and it is their responsibility to bring their iPad to school every day fully charged. Failure to bring their iPad to school may result in the privilege of taking their iPad home withdrawn.

Any damage to the device must be reported to the school as soon as possible along with handing in the damaged iPad to an ICT Technician at the school.

Any problems with software and the way the iPad is working should be reported to an ICT Technician or one of our Digital Leaders as soon as possible. This should be reported by the student who is responsible for that iPad.

We are very excited about the opportunities having the iPad outside of school will bring in enhancing your child's learning. Our students have already demonstrated great enthusiasm, skill and creativity in using iPads in the lesson. From half term, all homework for Year 7 students along with appropriate resources will be posted online for students to access at home. Teachers will be using an app called Showbie for this and we encourage you to take a look at how the work is posted there (your child will show you how).

If you have internet access, your child can connect the iPad to it by selecting 'Settings/Wi-Fi' then selecting the network and entering your internet password. However, I would like to remind you that when using the internet at your home, the iPad will not be subject to the school's internet filtering. You may wish to look at your Internet Service Provider's home filtering settings if you have not already done so. You can find out more at:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parental-controls>

If you do not have internet access, your child can still use many features of the iPad at home and will be encouraged to use the school's internet access before school and after school. The LRC is open every day from 8am until 4pm.

For students who do not wish (or are not allowed) to take the iPad home, they will be able to 'check in' the device for charging at the end of the day and collect again from the LRC the next morning.

I also enclose another copy of the school Acceptable Use Policy for your information.

Please complete the attached slip and return to the school to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions about the iPad scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely



Mr J A Church
Deputy Headteacher

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REPLY SLIP TO: Mr Church

RE: Year 7 iPassport

I acknowledge receipt of the letter about my child bringing their iPad home. I understand that the iPad and charger remain school property and that I will report any damage or problems to the school as soon as is possible.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____