



# Ark Charter Academy

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Dear parent/carer;

I previously wrote to you sharing some exciting news where Ark Charter Academy had been chosen as a digital pathfinder school.

As one of seven Ark schools chosen to be a part of the digital pathfinder pilot programme, we will be one of the first schools to rollout Google Chromebooks for **all** pupils and be able to provide our pupils with the fantastic opportunities that this brings. Being a pathfinder means doing new things for the first time. We will be gathering regular views from you and your child, so that your feedback and experiences will transform student learning across all Ark schools.

Originally this plan involved providing all students in year 7 with a Chromebook but we will now be extending this to all pupils in year 7-10. Therefore, if you are considering buying your child/children a device to support their schoolwork in the coming weeks and months, we would urge you not to. It is important to note, however, that the Chromebook is for schoolwork only, so your child/children will not have access to games or social networking sites on the device.

Over the next 12 months, we will be providing Chromebooks to even more pupils in our school, so that our pupils have access to the very best resources available online to support their learning. I am delighted that we are embarking on this digital journey together. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Mr. Z Morgan (Assistant Principal – [z.morgan@charteracademy.org.uk](mailto:z.morgan@charteracademy.org.uk)).

Some students in year 7-10 have been allocated short term loan Chromebooks – when this programme is rolled out, an additional document will be sent to those families already with a Chromebook explaining that these short-term devices will move to long term devices.

Kind regards

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Principal



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