



Ark Charter Academy

29 April 2021

Dear parent/carer,

I previously wrote to you to share the exciting news that Ark Charter Academy had been chosen as a Digital Pathfinder school; being a Pathfinder means doing new things for the first time.

As one of seven Ark schools chosen to be a part of the pilot programme, we will be one of the first schools to rollout Google Chromebooks for **all** pupils and enable us to provide our pupils with fantastic opportunities. We will be gathering regular views from you and your child; any feedback and experiences will help to transform student learning across all Ark schools.

Originally the plan involved providing all students in year 7 with a Chromebook but now extends to all pupils in years 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 do so. 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.

We will be distributing these devices week beginning 10th May 2021 - parents should attend the school site via the front school gate on the following days:

Year 7:	10 th May 4.45-6pm
Year 8:	11 th May 4.45-6pm
Year 9:	12 th May 4.45-6pm
Year 10:	13 th May 4.45-6pm

Some students in year 7-11 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. We will be recalling year 11 devices towards the end of the summer term.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Mr. Z Morgan (Assistant Principal – z.morgan@charteracademy.org.uk).

I am delighted that we are embarking on this digital journey together.

Kind regards

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Principal

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