



Ark Charter Academy

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Dear parent/carer,

I wanted to share some exciting news with you. Over the next few years, all Ark Schools will be working to provide all pupils from year 7 upwards with a Google Chromebook to support with their learning. This device will be provided by the school, for exclusive use for schoolwork and independent learning, and parents will not need to make a financial contribution. Ark Charter Academy has 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.

All pupils in year 7 will be provided with a Chromebook before the Easter holidays. If you do not have the internet at home, we will be supporting with this too. 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).

Some students in year 7 have been allocated short term loan Chromebooks – when this programme is rolled out the loan stock will be swapped with the long-term Chromebook device.

Kind regards

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