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Dear parent/carers,

SUBJECT: Your Child's Chromebook (Years 8 and 9)

You may remember that last year we reviewed how much impact the school's Chromebook 1-1 device strategy has had on pupil learning and progress. We asked all pupils, staff and parents for feedback and examined pupil achievement data over the last few years to establish this. As it was clear that having a 1-1 device they could take home was not having a positive impact on learning, and that the school was incurring significant increasing damages/repair costs, in addition to the very high costs of buying these devices, we took the decision to phase the 1-1 Chromebooks out over the next few years.

Importantly, we decided to channel some of the funding saved into resourcing the school with class sets of Chromebooks so that teachers could use these in lessons where supervised use of technology had a learning benefit. This has worked very well.

Change of Plan

We have recently reviewed the situation and have made the decision to speed up this phasing-out of 1-1 Chromebooks. This is because damage/repair costs have again increased, and too much staff time is spent on repairs and chasing damage costs. Also, some pupils forget their Chromebooks or do not charge them, leading to lost learning time. An additional factor is the research that has emerged over the last couple of years around the harm 1-1 internet-enabled devices are causing to children and young people worldwide.

We have therefore decided to recall all Year 8 and 9 Chromebooks at the end of this term. We will use these to add more resources to our in-school IT equipment.

How Parents/Carers Can Help Us

I hope you understand our decision. With the current budget challenges schools are facing and the need to ensure we focus our resources on the right things, we believe this is a sensible decision and that the Chromebooks can be used in a more effective way. You can support by helping your child be organised and ready to return their Chromebook (including its charger and case, all clean and in good condition, please) on the following days **in their English lesson**:

Year 8: Monday 6th July (Mr Sandell, Mr Miller), Thursday 9th July (Miss Douglas)

Year 9: Monday 6th July (Ms Bennett), Thursday 9th July (Mr Sandell, Miss Ireland, Miss Douglas).

Yours sincerely,

Greenwood.

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

