



Dear parent / carer,

February 2019

Year 9 iPads for Learning scheme

Many thanks for your support with our e-Learning programme over the last two and a half years. Our iPad scheme has been a success and has improved the way students learn in school and at home. This message is intended to update you with the next steps of our e-learning programme and outline your choices looking ahead.

A recap if you opted into our school scheme:

- Families were offered two iPads over the five years your child spends at Haslingden High School.
- Students were given an iPad Mini 2 with case and warranty in September 2016.
- A £40 deposit was paid to cover the estimated cost of buying the iPad outright at the end of the first lease halfway through Year 9, or as a contribution towards the cost of repair (if the iPad was sent away for repair we asked for a new £40 deposit).
- Direct debits were started between September and November 2016 at £10 a month over 5 years

We are now at the halfway point of the five-year scheme and these are the options open to you:

1. Return your old iPad to us, and provided it is in good condition and working, we will refund the £40 deposit.
2. Order a new iPad - **we strongly advise parents to do this** - either via school or privately.
3. Continue to use the 'old' iPad in school.
4. Continue to bring a personal device in from home.

Your existing direct debit to the Learning Foundation

When we launched the iPad scheme in July 2016, we asked parents to sign up for payments over five years with the Learning Foundation. Since then, we have moved to another provider (Freedom Tech) who we believe offer a better scheme.

We will make arrangements to cancel the old agreement on your behalf when you have made your thirtieth payment (this marks the halfway point in the original 5 year programme). This will be in February, March or April 2019 depending on the date of your first payment and whether any payments over the last 30 months have been missed. We will contact you when we have done this.



Ordering a new iPad

We strongly advise obtaining a new iPad for your child's use for the remainder of their time in school; we have found that older devices, by the time students reach Year 11, are showing their age and cannot be updated to newer versions of apps and iOS.

We have worked with Freedom Tech and MCC to put together what we believe is an excellent offer for families:

- Full size iPad (March 2018 or 2019 model, if available), 32GB
- Case and tempered glass screen protector
- 30 month warranty
- 36 month accidental damage and theft insurance provided by Compucover (see policy on website for details)
- £13.75 a month over 30 months (shorter payment terms are available, see website)
- **No deposit** or excess payments
- **The iPad belongs to the parent at the end of the lease term at no additional cost**

MCC and Freedom Tech will also buy back your old iPad for a value of around £60, provided the screen is not cracked and the iPad is in good working order. If you wish to keep your old iPad for use at home, we can remove our restrictions from it provided all payments have been completed.

To order a new iPad, please follow these steps:

1. Go to www.tech4learners.co.uk
2. Enter your email address
3. Use this username: HHS219 with the password Welcome01
4. Follow the instructions on screen

All orders should be placed by midnight on Monday March 11th. Direct debits will begin around 26th March. The first direct debit must clear your bank before goods are shipped. We expect to be able to hand out iPads in the first week of April.

Participating families must keep up payments or return the iPad to school. This is a leasing scheme where the school owns the iPad until all payments have been completed. The scheme is open to all families in Year 9 including those that have previously bought personal devices for use in school.



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Other options

We will continue to support families that bring personal iPads to school or wish to purchase a new iPad for their child independently of the school scheme. Our recommended minimum iPad specification for personal devices is the 2017 iPad (now obsolete) or iPad Mini 4. Families may choose not to purchase a new device altogether and continue to use their 'old' one. We very firmly believe our iPad scheme is the best way forward for our students' learning and strongly recommend all families to upgrade in some way.

The 'old' iPad

If you are upgrading your iPad and wish to keep the old one at home for personal use, we will remove our restrictions from it when new iPads are handed out and provided payments are up to date.

Financial help

Limited funds are available to support families where there is genuine hardship and parents are asked to contact me in confidence via email if this is the case.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this letter. Please contact me via email if you have any questions: jroper@haslingdenhigh.com

Yours sincerely

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