



# Saint Aidan's

Church of England High School

Head: Mr. A.N. Smith

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware the students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have been using tablets both in and out of lessons to support their learning. After half term it is our intention to extend the programme to cover the current Year 7. If students already have a suitable device, they may bring them in straight away for reading etc. in class. However, we would also like to offer the opportunity of purchasing a device through school. The options are as follows:

### Option 1:

Family to provide own tablet – details of suitable devices can be found on the school website.

### Option 2:

Purchase an iPad mini with Retina display Wi-Fi 32GB through school at a cost of **£190**. Payment via ParentPay for the full amount by **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016**.

### Option 3:

Purchase an iPad mini with Retina display Wi-Fi 32GB through school at a cost of **£190**. Payment via ParentPay of initial non-refundable deposit of **£38 by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016**, followed by a further four instalments of **£38 by Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**.

We strongly recommend that you purchase separately a suitable hard-wearing protective case for your child's device and consider covering the iPad on your home insurance.

All parents/carers of Year 7 now have access to the ParentPay service to purchase an iPad mini through school; please be aware that the service will be closed once the deposit deadline has passed as school will then place the order to purchase the iPads on your behalf. We cannot guarantee that a future purchase offer will be made, or that it would be at the same cost.

**Devices bought through school will be issued to students on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

If you require any additional information regarding the scheme including how the school might be able to support families in financial difficulties then please feel free to contact me at [simon-calvert@st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:simon-calvert@st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk). Alternatively you can access further details in the 'Parents' section of the school website.

Yours faithfully

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