



Chromebooks

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to be able to contact you with details of our latest Chromebook offer for all boys on roll at The Fulham Boys School in Years 7, 8 and 9. Our previous launches have proved a great success and we are now keen to ensure that all of our students have access to a device that is their responsibility from this point onwards.

We will expect all students/parents that currently do not own a Chromebook device to have made a selection from the options explained within this booklet by the 21st April.

The Chromebook is a slim laptop, which runs the Google Chrome operating system, including Google Drive and Google Documents. More details can be found here: www.google.com/chromebooks

This booklet sets out the choices available regarding the devices and some common questions. In addition, you can contact me at school to discuss any further questions you may have - s.kellie@fulhamboyschool.org.uk

I will be holding 2 sessions to further introduce the scheme, provide an overview of the benefits of a 1:1 scheme as well as address any questions that you may have on Tuesday 21st March at 1730 and Friday 24th March at 1530. If you wish to attend either of these sessions please email the school to confirm at info@fulhamboyschool.org

I would appreciate it if all parents that have previously not purchased a device through the school make their choice from the options outlined in this document and return the attached reply slip by Friday 21st April.

Yours faithfully

S Kellie

Mr S. Kellie
Deputy Head Teacher





Costs

Students and Parents/Guardians have three options:

Option 1 - £185 Purchase

With this option you are purchasing a brand new HP G4 Chromebook:

- HP G4 11.6" screen
- Ruggedised screen for use in schools
- 4GB RAM
- 16GB hard drive
- 10 hour battery life



We will expect the device to be in school every day. This equipment will be subject to the same monitoring system as the school owned machines. At the end of the student's time at The Fulham Boys School, the machine belongs to the student and would not be returned to us; our monitoring systems would be removed at this time. The device is also provided with a protective neoprene case. (The school has been able to negotiate an exceptionally good price on these devices, the devices are currently listed for sale through HP for £292!) The school only has 75 of these devices available for sale and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Option 2 - £185 Purchase + £35 Insurance (£220 total)

As option 1 above, but with accidental damage insurance; see the next page for details on this.

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Option 3 - £40 Deposit

Students are issued with a School owned Dell Chromebook (currently 18 months old) which they keep while they remain a student at The Fulham Boys School. **Students in receipt of Free School Meals or that qualify for Pupil Premium funding will be able to access this option with a deposit of £20 (if this option is available to you it will present as a payment option on Squid).** Students can take this home each day and use at home as well as at school. 50% of the deposit is to be used by the school to cover the cost to insure the device, the other 50% of the deposit will be returned to parents at the end of the loan period if the device is returned in a satisfactory condition. The school remains the owner of this Chromebook.

All students MUST have signed up to one of the options above if they have not already purchased a device through the school previously.



Insurance Cover

Where insurance is provided for a device this cover is provided by a company called CompuCover - this includes:

- 3 Years Complete Protection for Accidental Damage & Parts Failure
- Collect & Return Warranty
- Accidental Damage Insurance
- All Parts, Labour & Carriage Included
- Worldwide Cover & No Excess!

Examples of accidental damage can be dropping your Chromebook onto a hard surface, such as a wooden or concrete floor, resulting in a cracked/smashed screen/case. Liquid damage can consist of either a drinks spillage, caught in the rain or even dropped in the bath. In the event of accidental damage, you would arrange collection of your chromebook, which would be repaired and returned to you.

Full terms and conditions of the accidental damage cover are available from the school if requested.

Please note - we are unable to repair Option 1 Chromebooks in school (as this can affect the warranty on these devices). A broken screen would likely cost at least £50 to have repaired by an external company - which is more than the cost of the insurance.

Cases for Devices

When any of the devices referred to on the previous pages are not in use it will be your sons responsibility to ensure that it is stored in a protective case (as outlined in the Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy)

Options 1 and 2: Devices purchased through these options will be provided with a Targus CityGear 11.6" Laptop Sleeve in black.

Option 3: School owned devices will be provided with a black neoprene case. Devices must be stored in these cases whenever not in use.





Frequently Asked Questions

When will students use Chromebooks?

Students will be expected to bring a charged Chromebook to every lesson, just like they currently bring a pen and planner. The Chromebook can last up to 12 hours between charges - students should not therefore need to charge them in school.

Can my son bring in a device that he already owns to use in school?

Can I buy a device from another high street retailer and my son use that in school?

The school has taken the decision to only allow boys to bring Chromebook devices into school that are purchased through this scheme. The rationale for this is based on a number of factors:

- Firstly, the devices are all registered on the school domain and we are therefore able to manage and monitor how the devices are used effectively.
- The school knows for certain that the devices do not have any viruses (or similar) on them that could compromise the schools ICT system as well as leave our pupils vulnerable with regards to eSafety.
- By only allowing devices to be purchased through the school we are certain that the devices are not able to bypass the school's 2 comprehensive web filters and therefore we have confidence that all students and staff are secure with regards to what they can and can't access on the devices.
- It is also important to note that there are very few specialist insurance companies that will offer insurance for students devices whilst on a school premises and these insurance policies are not publicly available. In order for devices to be insured on the school premises (with a £0 excess) it is therefore necessary for them to be purchased through such a scheme.

How are the devices monitored in and out of school?

The Chromebook devices are all registered to the school's domain and therefore use of the device is entirely controlled by the school. When boys are in school the use of the Chromebooks is also controlled and monitored by 2 separate web filters (Lightspeed and Securly). When boys are off site and logged in using their school email address their usage is still monitored by the school through Securly as well as the Google Admin Console (overseen by our ICT Technician).

Will carrying a device just make my son a target for local criminals?

The school has communicated extensively with a range of schools that have well established 1-2-1 schemes already in place. Any records experienced by them of theft has been entirely opportunistic and we are confident that the chance of targeted incidents taking place is low. We liaise closely with the local Police and will continue to ensure that our students are educated on responsible ways to travel to and from school to minimise their chances of being the victims of crime. Our school staff will also continue to have a presence in the local area at the end of the school day in order to act as a further deterrent



Can I connect the Chromebook to the internet at my house?

Chromebooks use wireless to connect to a network, so you will need WiFi at home to use the Chromebook on the Internet. If you have WiFi, your network security key can be added to the Chromebook before logon. If you don't have WiFi at home, the Chromebook will still work for many things (for example editing Google Docs, Google Slides and Google Sheets all works offline).

What happens if the Chromebook is lost, stolen or damaged?

For Option 3 Machines - These machines are owned by the school, so would be repaired by us. So if a student who has paid a £40 deposit breaks their screen (which could cost around £35) then none of the deposit would be returned at the end of the loan. If more work is required then a student may be required to pay for it.

For Option 1 Machines - We are unable to repair these new machines as this would invalidate the warranty. We recommend the use of the insurance (see above).

For all options - If a Chromebook is lost or stolen, it is important that it is reported to the IT Support team **immediately**.

What about filtering/internet safety?

All Chromebooks have a filtering system installed on them. This enables us to monitor and filter their use both at school and at home. Whilst students are on the school site, our internet policies apply - this filters out all inappropriate content and social networking. Students are not allowed to log onto Chromebooks in school using any accounts other than their school email address. When off site, students are able to log onto Chromebooks using their personal gmail accounts.

How will the Chromebook be backed up?

The Chromebook is always backed up and our students have unlimited storage space in the Google Drive.

How can I make payment for a device?

If you would like to order a device for your son to use under options 1, 2 or 3 then you can make a payment online using Squid. Once you have made payment (or paid a deposit) please fill in the form on the last page of this booklet and return it to your son's Form Tutor.



Device Choice

Please complete and return the form below and hand in to your son's Form Tutor.

Please make payment on Squid before returning this form.

Student's Name:

Form group:

I can confirm that I have read and understood the above information regarding the issue of a Chromebook to my son I have selected:

BRAND NEW HP G4 Chromebook

Option 1 - £185 purchase (no insurance) *we are unable to repair these devices in school if damaged.*

BRAND NEW HP G4 Chromebook with full ADT insurance

Option 2 - £220 purchase (£185 for device and £35 for ADT insurance)

Use of 18month old school Dell Chromebook

Option 3 - £40 or £20 deposit

Date online payment made: on squid:

Signed:.....Parent/Guardian*

Date:

****Please note that by signing the above you are agreeing to the terms outlined on the school's Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which is available to view on the school's website.***