



## Duke's Secondary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Re: DUKE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL CHROMEBOOK LOAN PROGRAMME**

I am writing to update you on the progress of the Chromebook loan programme for our current year 10 students. Students have now received their Chromebooks, and are making regular, effective use of them in lessons in line with our blended learning approach to curriculum. There have been some excellent examples of how students have already benefited from access to the Chromebooks in lessons, and we look forward to this continuing through into year 11. On a further positive note, it has been encouraging to see the vast majority of students adhering to the expectations contained within the home /school agreement, including appropriate use of the device, ensuring that the Chromebook is charged prior to bringing it into school etc.

To help ensure that this positive picture is reflected by *all* students at *all* times, I would remind students and parents / carers that the Chromebooks feature the same high level of filtering and monitoring software as those used on school computers. Filtering is in place to stop students from accessing unsuitable and / or inappropriate websites and apps. Monitoring focuses on student use of the device, eg monitoring and reporting inappropriate searches and inappropriate language and content within Google Docs etc. This monitoring system feeds back to school staff to alert them of such issues, together with dates / times / details of the misuse. Further to this, students can only access the Chromebooks using their school email address, and not with any other personal email address.

We respectfully remind parents and carers of their responsibilities in reminding their son / daughter of key eSafety messages in addition to coverage in school, and that responsibility for the safe and correct use of the Chromebook outside of school times must rest with parents and carers. Whilst alerts are created if the device is misused at home, these can not always be dealt with immediately (for example, but not exclusively, after approximately 4.30pm on a term-time week night, and during weekends and holidays).

If you have any questions relating to any of the information contained in this agreement, please contact [admin.dss@dukes.ncea.org.uk](mailto:admin.dss@dukes.ncea.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Mr S. Thompson



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