

4 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

iPad Rollout Evening - 10th September 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Our technology-rich environment has provided new opportunities to collaborate, create, assess and reflect and our pupils are developing the resilience needed to become successful independent learners. We are now ready to build on what we have already achieved. We want to be even more creative in how we teach and how students learn and to have the technology that allows us the freedom to do this. That's why we invested in 1200 6th generation iPad devices in September 2018, enabling the next phase of our learning and teaching innovation.

The new iPad 9.7 inch with Apple Pencil support will allow access to the latest and newest Educational Apps including Apple Clips and Swift Playground. For more information visit the Apple website.

The cost of the iPads will be met in full by the school as they form part of our exciting and innovative teaching and learning strategy. However, we will be asking parents to pay to cover the cost of the protective case (STM Dux case) and insurance for the device for two years which will be **£65**. If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will pay half the cost. Please remember to apply to the Vale of Glamorgan for the Free School Meal Entitlement if you have not done so already.

How to pay: You can pay for the insurance and cover from Wednesday 4th Sept at 3.00pm using Parent Pay. Please ensure that payments are received by Monday 9th September for you to collect. All payments must be made through **Parent Pay**. After rollout presentation, please collect the iPad from reception. Your child will be issued with the Parent Pay login details today.

How will I collect the iPad?: After the rollout presentation, please collect iPad from reception. All parents must attend the presentation to receive the iPad.

This is a very innovative and exciting scheme and is an essential part of the learning experience at St Cyres.

In addition, on the evening we will explore how we can support your child to develop their Digital Competence, Literacy and Numeracy skills.

I very much look forward to meeting you again at the iPad rollout evening and being able to share with you our vision for teaching and learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kirsty Berry
Acting Assistant Head