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Dear Parents/Carers of: _____ **Covid-19 - School Device Loan**

We are pleased to be able to offer your child(ren) an opportunity to access a school device (iPad) at home.

During this period, your child can be issued with a device that they will be able to use to access remote/distance learning set by the school.

It should be noted that these devices have a built in wireless network capability. In light of this, your child will be able to connect to any home network you may have and browse the internet using the school device. The Department of Education, Sport and Culture is happy for children to access the internet from home with the device, however, it should be noted that the Department cannot be held responsible for content accessed via your home connection. In school, the children are subject to internet filtering so that unsuitable sites are blocked. It is therefore recommended that children access the internet whilst in a place from which they can be adequately supervised.

Social networking sites or chat rooms (e.g Facebook) must not be accessed using school devices. These learning devices would not be used for this purpose in school and we would have the same expectation for their use at home. Please note that most social networking sites have age restrictions (e.g. Facebook 13, Twitter 18).

E-safety is a high priority for us all, and we hope this will provide an opportunity for you to become more aware of what how your child is accessing the web and staying safe online. The following link from the Safer Schools team has information and links to support you. <https://oursaferschools.co.uk> . The Safer Schools App also comes preloaded on the iPads and has more information, tips and guidance for you to access.

Other support sites are listed below:

- support for parents and carers to keep children safe online, which outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice
- guidance on staying safe online which includes information on security and privacy settings
- Thinkuknow provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- Parent info is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- Childnet offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- Internet matters provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world

- UK Safer Internet Centre has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

There is an agreement form for you to sign before your child can take their device home, outlining yours and your child's responsible use of the device and some simple guidelines.

Yours sincerely, Mr R Coole (Headteacher)

Covid-19 - School Device Loan - Parent Agreement Form

- I understand that the device (iPad) assigned to my child is the property of the Isle of Man Department of Education, Sport and Culture.
- I agree to ensure, to the best of my endeavours, the security and correct handling of the device, (see below).
- I understand that the device is for the use of my child only, and that it is to be used for educational purposes only.
- I will ensure that my child does not use it to access social networking sites and/or chat rooms.
- I understand that the device is not to be taken off the Island.
- I understand that any misuse or abuse of the device will result in it being withdrawn from my child.
- I understand that any faults or problems should be reported directly to the school to enable repair and appropriate maintenance.
- If the device is lost or mislaid, I will notify the school immediately or if that is not possible, I will notify the police and inform the school as soon as possible. This will enable the tracking system on the device to be accessed and the device located.
- I understand that whilst the device is in my care that any damage or injury caused by the device will be my responsibility, e.g. leaving chargers plugged in and switched on but not attached to the device, or a cracked screen causing bodily harm.
- I have checked the device when it was delivered and it is in good working order with no signs of damage.

Do...

- use the device in a safe and comfortable position
- Keep the device in its protective case at all times.
- store the device in a secure place when not in use
- keep the device as clean as possible with appropriate products.

Don't...

- use the device where someone might trip over the power cable
- use or leave the device where it might fall
- leave the device unattended and on view (e.g. through a window at home or in a car) • place or consume drink or food near the device

Covid-19 - School Device Loan - Parent Agreement Form Return Slip

Name of Pupil :

Device ID :

Name of Parent/Carer :

Address :

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Telephone Number(s) :

Signed:..... parent/carers

Date:.....