

Student Chromebook Scheme



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Introduction

In our drive to continually improve outcomes for students, we have been working in partnership with the Birmingham e-Learning Foundation and Albion Computers to offer all parents the opportunity to acquire a portable Chromebook for their child(ren) to use in school, as well as for learning at home.

ICT is embedded within the curriculum across all subjects, and we believe that all students accessing their own devices to support the use of ICT in and out of the classroom will further enhance their learning, allowing personalised access to a wealth of creative content, resources and tools. Google is our preferred platform. Trumpington Community College has used Chromebooks for the last five years, Parkside Community College two years and Coleridge for the last year. Our students have experienced particular benefit during the Covid-19 lockdown; using their Chromebooks at home to access online lessons prepared by their teachers.

We are currently able to provide this offer to parents, with monthly contributions that include insurance and accessories at a considerable saving on the recommended retail price. Monthly contributions are collected by the Birmingham e-learning Foundation, a charity that uses gift aid collected via the scheme to cover administration costs; any excess is awarded back to the school to help the sustainability of the scheme. Full and comprehensive information will be provided for parents who express an interest in taking part in the scheme.

If you would like to take part in the scheme but have concerns about the monthly repayments, then please do get in touch with the school in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Craig Morrison | Executive Headteacher
Parkside Community College

The student bundle

- ASUS 11.6 C214MA HD N4020 Intel UMA / 4GB / 32GB EMMC / Chrome / Touchpad Touchscreen
- Management License - The school will be managing these devices for students.
- 3 Year iCare, Accidental damage and theft insurance, zero excess.

Donation Methods

The requested donation amount depends on the year your child is in and if you wish to spread the donation costs over a period of time or pay a one off donation. The donation includes insurance and warranty for three years.

Years 7-9 only: Donate £10.50 per month for 30 months to BeLF

Years 7-9 only: Donate £315 as a one off payment to BeLF

Year 10 only: Donate £12.50 per month for 24 months to BeLF

Year 10 only: Donate £300 as a one off payment to BeLF

Year 11 only: Donate £22 per month for 12 months to BeLF

Year 11 only: Donate £264 as a one off payment to BeLF

Year 12 only: Donate £12.50 per month for 24 months to BeLF

Year 12 only: Donate £300 as a one off payment to BeLF

Year 13 only: Donate £22 per month for 12 months to BeLF

Year 13 only: Donate £264 as a one off payment to BeLF

For any more information on the donation for the Chromebook Scheme, please contact BeLF via the following contact details.

Morag Mackenzie

Phone: 07375 533960

Email: morag@belf.org.uk

Order Portal and How to Order

Please visit www.albion.co.uk/parkside

You will be directed to the web page below, please click “Join the Scheme”

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Join the Scheme

2022 Scheme

Please complete the form below to register for the scheme and donate to BeLF – the charity partner.

The Bundle



What's included:

- ASUS C204 11.6" HD / Cel-N4020-touchscreen / UMA / 4GB / 32GB with 3Yr warranty
- Accidental damage and theft coverage, zero excess – over the term of the donations
- Chrome Management Licence

Scroll down to fill out the form with your details.

Complete the Direct Debit details on the page presented.

The portal will remain open until July 29th 2022 with Chromebooks being handed out from the beginning of September. Any families having difficulty using the portal should contact the school for support.

Frequently asked questions

What are the benefits of 1:1 learning devices?

Research findings indicate that teachers, students, and parents find devices a valuable addition to the classroom, noting increased student motivation, improved student-to-teacher and school-to-home interaction, and increased student-directed learning as benefits. In a comprehensive three year study, researchers found that students were more involved in their learning, their lessons were more in-depth, uses of technology increased, student creativity, collaboration, and communication increased, and parental involvement increased in the one-to-one initiative. More and more studies are being published reporting the myriad benefits of 1-2-1 devices and more will be reported over the coming decade.

Do we take ownership at the end?

Yes, the Chromebook is yours to keep at the end of the 30 months or the completion of your payment plan, It will also remain in the school management system until your child leaves us. Upon leaving your child should visit ICT Services to have the Chromebooks deprovisioned from the school's management.

Is the device protected online, at home and in school?

The student Chromebook is managed by the school until your child leaves. Use of the student Chromebook is monitored by the school - we use special software that detects any inappropriate use; the device may only be used for school-related activity.

Can I bring in a device we already have at home?

We do provide a bring your own device (BYOD) network so you may bring in a personal device for studying but the school is not liable for any damage that may happen to the device during the school day. IT can only provide limited support for these devices to.

How does the school propose to support those that do not take part?

Students whose parents are not contributing for a device will still be able to check one out from a designated location during the school day. However, they will not be permitted to take this device home. Each campus has facilities available to students after school who are welcome to use them for school work.

What happens if a device gets damaged?

The student bundle includes insurance* for three years. The school will administer any claims and a repaired or replacement device will be issued to students.

**The insurance only protects the device from accidental damage and if the device is stolen. Deliberate and or malicious damage will be charged and the insurance will not cover repairs.*

What happens if a device is lost?

Whilst theft is covered by the device's insurance policy (with a crime reference number), loss is not.

What happens if the charger is lost?

New genuine chargers are available for purchasing from the school. An order and payment can be made using the shop feature in Parentmail +Pay. Once the order has been made the charger can be collected from the school's ICT Office. The cost is £25.00.

**Please note that if you purchase your own charger without buying it through the school there is a chance that it will not be a genuine charger and therefore may void warranty and insurance.*

I can buy one cheaper online - why should I use this scheme?

Buying a device online will not include the necessary Chrome Management License which we use to manage the device on your behalf, to install apps and policies, and to provide the appropriate safety and security for your child. The bundle available through school also includes insurance cover for 3 years. We also feel that it is better for students to have access to the same device; this is why we are organising a school-based scheme.

What happens if my financial circumstances change during the year/s?

(for example Job loss, bereavement, terminal illness)

In this situation please contact the Birmingham eLearning Foundation, www.belf.org.uk or 07375 533960. As a Charity, BeLF aims to ensure no child is left out or left behind; they understand well that family circumstances can change.

What steps will the school take to support parents during rollout and adoption?

We will write to parents with advice regarding good practice around e-safety and device use. We are also providing at-home internet filtering included in the cost of the device.

Does this mean that students will not be developing traditional, written skills?

No. Assessments will still be conducted using pen and paper, as this is how students will be assessed at GCSE and beyond. There will also be plenty of activities in lessons using pen and paper and the importance of good handwriting, good presentation and writing with speed and accuracy will be reinforced.

Does this mean that students will not have access to textbooks and other reference books?

No. Individual departments will maintain similar levels of funding as to previous years, which means that they can still purchase textbooks and other books where these are appropriate.

Will there be a limit on screen time for students?

Chromebooks are a tool for learning, not an activity in themselves. Good lessons involve a range of different activities both in and out of the classroom, incorporating discussion, group and individual work and, as mentioned above, work with pen and paper. It is definitely not the case that students will be spending all lesson, every lesson, on Chromebooks.

What restrictions/ filtering systems will be in place at school?

The schools use internet filtering systems provided by the local authority which will apply to the Chromebooks as long as they are in the UK. We also use 3rd party software for keyword detection and classroom management of the devices while they are on site. A number of restrictions are also put in place through the Chromebooks' integration with G Suite for Education.

Will the same restrictions/ filtering systems be in place at home when students take these home?

The school's internet filtering system will still be in effect when the device is used at home, meaning that all browsing is filtered and recorded.

How does the school propose to support those children of parents who don't have the ability to pay and therefore cannot take the Chromebook home?

Students whose parents are not contributing for a device will still be able to check one out from a designated location during the school day. However, they will not be permitted to take this device home.

Each campus has learning spaces available to students after school who are welcome to use them for school work.

How is the data saved on the Chromebook; as they have a small Hard Drive?

The data is not in the Chromebooks themselves but rather in the cloud. Google act as a data processor and are GDPR compliant. Items shared on Google Classroom are shared and we have not had an issue of inappropriate sharing during five years of use.

What happens if my child leaves the school mid-phase?

If your child is leaving the school before the end of the lease period please contact BeLF or Albion as there are a number of options available to you. Telephone numbers are at the back of the booklet.

What happens at the end of the lease period?

At the end of the lease period the device will no longer be under warranty. If it is still in working order the device can continue to be used and the school will continue to monitor the device until your child leaves. The school will not be able to undertake any repairs. Families will have the option to enter a further lease agreement for a new replacement Chromebook and those wishing to do so should contact BeLF to discuss the options available to them.