

# Westfield Academy Chromebook Scheme 2021

Westfield Academy is committed to transforming learning; you may have seen a demonstration at the parents evening of the impact Chromebooks will have on personalising learning.

Westfield Academy wants to make student access to Chromebooks as easy and as cost effective as possible. We recognise that not all parents will be able to afford to purchase a Chromebook and we are committed to ensuring where this is the case, students will have access to Chromebooks to enable them to take full part in the learning.

The key features of the scheme are:

- The school will provide options – outlined below – for parents to purchase a Chromebook outright or over a period of time. Where parents are unable to do this we will provide a Chromebook free of charge with *access restricted to educational use*
- All students will be provided with a Westfield Academy Google Chrome account. This provides access to a range of powerful software (including Google Docs, Sheets, Slides – the Google equivalent to Microsoft Office) as well as use of Google Classroom – our online Learning platform.
- Whilst the Chromebook is operated through the Westfield Academy Google Chrome account activity on the Chromebook can be filtered and monitored providing a high level of e-safety. Additional personal accounts set up on a purchased Chromebook will not be monitored.
- Where the Chromebook is purchased this will enable you to use the Chromebook for all members of the family to use as they wish - such as Social Media, games, streaming of music and videos
- All Year 7 students will be expected to have charged Chromebooks available for every lesson. This does not mean they will be used for every lesson, but they will be used frequently to enhance learning and provide a vital educational tool
- Students and parents will need to sign a Chromebook user agreement which outlines their responsibilities under the scheme and the responsibilities of the school
- Failure to abide by the terms of the user agreement will be dealt with under the schools behaviour management policy

We have produced a Frequently Asked Questions document which we hope will answer any detailed questions you may have. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this scheme, please contact the school office on [office@westfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@westfieldacademy.co.uk)

## Preferred Chromebook



We have carried out extensive research into the different Chromebooks that are available. It is much better if all students in a year group have the same Chromebook. Where a device is purchased through the school it can be managed on our network, and will have features such that if it is lost or stolen it can be disabled remotely.

Our chosen model is the Asus 204MA Chromebook with 4GB RAM and 32GB Solid State Drive.

If you already own a Chromebook which you wish to use then providing it meets a minimum specification, it should be possible for it to work on our system, however we will not be able to offer technical support on its use. Please indicate this on the option form attached and we will contact you to confirm this is acceptable.

For technical reasons no other type of device – e.g. iPad, tablet, or laptop is acceptable for this scheme.

## **Purchase options**

### **Option 1**

Parents purchase the Chromebook outright. The cost is £248. The cost includes the Asus 204MA Chromebook, 3 year manufacturer's warranty, Google Education licence, 3 years insurance and case.

Payment is in one lump sum using or online payment system, no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **Option 2**

As above but payments are split into three instalments

Deposit payment by May 31st:	£88
2nd payment by June 30th	£80
3 <sup>rd</sup> payment by July 30 <sup>th</sup>	£80

Payment is through our online payment system – to be completed by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Key features of Options 1 and 2:**

- The Chromebook is the property of the student/parent, therefore there are no restrictions on the use of the Chromebook out of school. When members of the family set up their own personal Google accounts on the device, these accounts cannot be monitored or restricted by Westfield Academy and such use is entirely the responsibility of the user
- This will enable your family to use the Chromebook as they wish - such as for Social Media, games, streaming of music and videos
- The Chromebook is insured against, loss, theft and accidental damage

### **Option 3**

Parents pay by monthly standing order over a 3-year period, at £7.75 per month, to include the Chromebook, licence, case, warranty and insurance.

#### **Key features:**

- There are no restrictions on the use of the Chromebook out of school
- When members of the family set up their own personal Google accounts on the device, these accounts cannot be monitored or restricted by Westfield Academy and such use is entirely the responsibility of the user
- This will enable your family to use the Chromebook as they wish - such as for Social Media, games, streaming of music and videos
- The Chromebook remains property of the school until all payments have been made.
- If a student leaves the Academy before the end of three years they will be asked to return the Chromebook or complete the payments
- The Chromebook is fully insured against loss, theft and accidental damage

### **Option 4**

Where parents are unable to commit to either of the options above, the school will lend a Chromebook and case to that student to enable them to access the learning in the lessons and complete homework.

#### **Key features:**

- The Chromebook is the property of Westfield Academy. Management software will restrict the use of the device to school use only
- When a student leaves the Academy the Chromebook must be returned.