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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you to introduce myself as Greysbrooke Primary School's Learning Futures leader, reshare the initial communication of The Learning Futures project and to update you of the events around the exciting launch of Learning Futures on Monday 18th September 2023.

Rationale

Please find below the communication about Learning Futures sent in June 2023:

At the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership, children are at the heart of everything we do. Our aspiration, through our 'One Trust' vision, is to bring an inspirational and highly ambitious education experience to all children, at each and every one of our schools.

To help deliver this, we are delighted to announce the launch of our Learning Futures project, which will enhance education through the use of digital technology for all our students at Greysbrooke Primary School and the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership.

The core objective of Learning Futures is to immerse and embed technology within learning and teaching, enhancing opportunities and outcomes for all. To facilitate this, we have committed to provide every child with the technological tools to help prepare them for a future that will require a wide range of skills and knowledge.

We are pleased to announce that we are in Phase 2 of the Learning Futures project. This means that every child (from Y1 - Y6) will receive a fully funded iPad to use in lessons and at home from Mid-September 2023. Children in Reception will share one iPad between two and these will be kept within school at all times. To ensure the effective use of technology, teachers will continue receive ongoing professional development and iPads will be used to enhance the existing curriculum.

To help make Learning Futures a real success, we are committed to ensuring you, as parents/carers, will have all the information and support you need to engage with this exciting stage of your child's time with us. More information can be found on our website: <https://greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk/about/learning-futures/> and updates and information events will be shared in upcoming communication.

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To support parents/carers in ensuring that children are kept safe at home whilst using technology, we have implemented a number of approaches, such as: monitoring and filtering at school and home; limitations to device functionality between the hours of 20:00 - 7:00; and additional profiles for those children who need further support.

In addition to this, we are launching the app Jamf Parent. Jamf Parent gives parents / carers peace of mind while their child uses a school-issued device by providing a number of features that help oversee and manage student devices outside of school hours. The Jamf Parent app is available on iPhone and Android devices.

Parents can also:

- Create custom rules with the simple step-by-step wizard.*
- See a child's device name, current device storage use, device model and iOS version.*
- Easily manage one or several children on the go.*

For information and guidance on how to set this up, please access the links below:

Written guide

<https://docs.jamf.com/jamf-parent/guide-for-parents/index.html>

Video guide

https://youtu.be/tFAGO_jOk-w

As part of our wider commitment to parental engagement, the ATLP will also be offering webinars to support parents and carers with guidance on internet safety and Learning Futures throughout the year. Dates for these will be communicated and there will also be opportunities to ask any questions that you may have.

The Next Few Weeks

On Monday 18th September 2023, after the launch party, your child will be receiving their iPad in school and then taking their iPad home that evening. We ask that your child charges their iPad after the school day and ensures that their iPad is fully charged ready for the next day of learning. There is an expectation that the iPad charger will remain at home and not brought into school each day.

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Following the launch, the teaching and learning in your child's classroom will look slightly different as we begin to slowly implement the project through the app, Showbie. This may be independent learning, tasks or challenges being completed on the iPad, or resources to assist independent learning being prepared on the app.

From week commencing Monday 2nd October 2023 we will be setting homework through Showbie.

I ask that you are patient with the teaching staff as we launch this project and be accepting that this is new to us too. There will be inevitable hiccups during the early stages of our new journey but as teaching practitioners we shall strive to learn from mistakes to continue providing an outstanding education for your child.

We look forward to the launch of the Learning Futures Project and seeing the transformational impact it will have on all those within our school community. Thank you for your support on this exciting journey.

If anyone would like to discuss Learning Futures further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Rowlands

Deputy Headteacher and Learning Futures Leader