**Academic Year 2018/2019**

**School laptop scheme**

We are writing to inform you about the personal laptop scheme in place at Blossom House.  This scheme is the result of lengthy hard work and careful thought by staff here.  We have chosen a laptop that will suit our students’ needs (including running sophisticated assistive software) at a cost that is feasible for parents.

Reasons for personal laptops for secondary children:

* Personalised assistive technology for every student which will support your child’s individual needs
* Consistency between how students complete work at school and at home
* Response to increased pressure from exam boards to use assistive technology in exams rather than human help (access arrangements)
* Long-term preparation for life after Blossom House which will likely require the regular use of a computer for written work

The laptop we have chosen (Acer TravelMate P259-M-35K4) is both light enough for our children to carry and large enough to have multiple softwares running on the screen. The device has a 10 hour battery life and enough storage to allow for any additional software the school may provide for your child.

* Blossom House will provide all of the software free of charge (this includes the highly specialised software that our pupils are accustomed to using on the school computers), as well as technical support. The security features we use at school will be extended to laptop use at home.
* The cost of the scheme is £25.13/month over 24 months
* The cost of the scheme includes the laptop, travel case, 24 months of full accidental damage with no excess, 3 year warranty and automatic transfer of title to you at the end of 24 months. These terms are usually better than similar options available on the high street or through household insurance. If, for example, you wanted to insure a laptop through your household insurance, you would probably not have coverage for damage that occurs away from the residence, your premium might rise, and you may have an excess charge or a limit on claims.
* All parents of incoming secondary students are expected to enter the scheme. This ensures that pupils have access to the full curriculum and all necessary assistive technology, an access which is as seamless as possible between school and home. In cases of financial hardship, please contact the school directly.
* At the end of your payments, you own the device. Please contact the school if you have concerns about payments.

You will be able to join up to the laptop scheme at certain times throughout the year. The laptop will be delivered to your child.

To enter the scheme, please go to:
<https://www.cpu.co.uk/cint/mobilelearning/selectSchool.asp>

**Portal Code: Blossomhouse2018**

If you have any questions about the scheme, sign up or claims process please contact CPU at 0345 8722 156 or the school at admin@blossomhouseschool.co.uk.

Kind regards

Joey Burgess (Principal)

Blossom House School