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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to be able to share information about the Edinburgh Empowered Learning Project. As you may already be aware our S4-6 pupils at Leith Academy are issued with school iPads to help them with their studies both in lessons and at home. This initiative has been in place at Leith Academy for several years and is something we are delighted to be able to build upon.

The Edinburgh Empowered Learning Project means that we are now able to issue school iPads for all pupils in S1-S6 to allow pupils to access resources, Teams and apps designed specifically for educational purposes when logged on to wifi. We are confident that this will lead to an improvement in the engagement of our pupils in the learning and teaching process and an increase in the enjoyment of learning.

Information about the Empowered Learning Project can be found here [Digital Education Team - City of Edinburgh Council \(https://digitaleducationteam.com\)](https://digitaleducationteam.com) which will help to answer any questions you have. There are also helpful hints and tips on general internet safety.

There is no cost to you for the issue of these school iPads, however **all Parents/Carers and Learners must sign up to the Home School Agreement and Responsible User Agreement which can be found here <https://forms.office.com/r/MP7H1BSuEe>.**

The iPads are more secure than ever and are locked down to 100 Educational Apps with managed Apple IDs, this means pupils can only use the apps that have been loaded on to their device as agreed by the Local Authority Team.

We will be issuing these iPads to pupils during the week beginning 17th January. All pupils must bring a school bag to collect and carry their iPad in.

S1-3 will be issued with new iPads as part of the project. If your child currently has a school iPad they must bring this in with them (including the cable/plug) to swap it for their new one when their class is called down. The staff running the setting up of the new iPads will have lists of those we are expecting returned.

S4-5 the vast majority of these pupils have Generation 7 iPads. They will keep their iPads but need to run through a process to migrate their device over to the new management system (they will be called down class by class to do this). Anyone who does not have a Generation 7 iPad will be issued with a new one at this time bringing their old one in to be swapped over (including the cable/plug).

S6 most have older generation iPads and these will be swapped for new models. They must bring their old iPad/plug/cable with them to be swapped for a new one when they are called down by class.

The PowerPoint goes through step-by-step instructions to back up all the photos/files/data that pupils who currently have a school iPad need to follow so that they have access to these on their new iPad or new system.

If the Microsoft Form <https://forms.office.com/r/MP7H1BSuEe> is not completed, we cannot issue a new iPad, it is essential this is completed by all Parents/Carers who have a child at Leith Academy. **This must be completed by Friday 14th January.**

If you do not have wifi at home, please get in touch with your child's House Head (you can email admin@leith.edin.sch.uk) and we can look to support you with this.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rachel Watson
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