

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents/Carers;

## Year 2 i-Pad Buy-Back Scheme

As you know, for the last 9 years, we have run a voluntary scheme whereby parents of every pupil in Year 2 have been given the opportunity to purchase or lend a tablet or laptop. This year, once again, we are fortunate enough to be able to offer you the chance to purchase or lend for your child their very own i-Pad which will be used in school every single day.

The i-Pad is a tablet device, which connects wirelessly to the internet. This year, if you would like to purchase an i-pad via our scheme it will come with 2 year's Comprehensive Accidental Insurance Cover,. Children will have the opportunity to use their i-Pad in school each day in lessons and take them home again each evening in their book bags.

At Thames View Infants we provide our children with an Outstanding, ICT rich provision and we are convinced that the high results that our children achieve are helped by them having their own IT equipment. The children love having the opportunity to use such technology and they feel empowered having their own devices to use in class.

By buying in bulk, we are able to get a slightly better price than you'd get in the shops. We pass on this saving to parents and absolutely no profit at all is made by school. In fact one of the main reasons that we run this scheme is because, not only does it help enrich the ICT provision that we provide, it also helps make technology much more affordable for our families to get into their homes.

However, even though we are able to do this, we appreciate that money is tight for most of us at this time of the year and for this, and a range of other reasons, you might not want to actually commit to buying an i-pad. If this is the case... please don't worry! There is absolutely no obligation whatsoever to purchase a tablet through this scheme. We have a bank of spare i-pads in school for children to use and 'lend' during class time. These i-pads are identical to those that can be bought in new and please rest assured that, if this is the option that you choose, your child will still benefit from exactly the same learning experience during class time.

Nevertheless, if you are a parent who *would* like to take advantage of this scheme, before I can make a purchase on your behalf, you will be required to attend a very important meeting where Claire and I will have the opportunity to explain how the buy-back scheme works and also provide you with some essential information on e-safety for your children when using their i-pads out of school.



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

We take e-safety extremely seriously at Thames View Infants. We empower our children on how use technology in a safe and responsible way and also on how to stay safe when they are using the internet. We feel that it is essential that we are as joined up with our parents as possible on these matters and, accordingly, attending one of these meetings will form a conditional aspect of our scheme and is compulsory. **We will not be able to purchase an i-pad on your behalf if you have not attended either one of these meetings.**

We will hold this meeting twice and you will need to attend on either one of these times:

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm and again at 5:00pm**

If you do decide to participate in the buy-back scheme, this year we expect to be able to offer our parents a brand new i-pad and two years fully comprehensive insurance cover all for approximately £350\*. We are asking for a deposit of £250 to be paid by 12<sup>th</sup> January and then two further payments of £50, one before 3<sup>rd</sup> April and one before 4<sup>th</sup> June via Parent Pay. **(Please note that failure to complete the full payment by 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 will result in recovery action being taken against you).**

*\*Please note that at the moment this price is only approximate. Because we are buying in bulk, the more people who decide to purchase an i-pad via this scheme, the cheaper the price we will be able to secure. We will be able to confirm the exact price by then end of term.*

We will not be making a profit. All funds raised will go to ensure that the school covers the costs of the advance purchasing and to ensure this scheme continues year after year until all our families have the opportunity to purchase a mobile device in this way. We hope you make the most of this very exciting and unique offer and, if you would like to purchase an i-pad for your child to keep, look forward to seeing you at ***either*** of the meetings.

Please can you complete and return i-pad form now available on ParentMail so that we can arrange for your child's i-pad (whether you are buying a new one or lending one from school) to be available as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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**Headteacher**

