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Connected Falkirk – S1 Pupil Deployment

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, Falkirk Council's *Connected Falkirk* initiative sees every child from P6-S6 being issued with their very own one-to-one device. To allow your young person to be deployed with their device, Connected Falkirk require to set up and process new account data for your young person. Thereafter, we begin rolling out devices from 2nd September.

In advance of this rollout, we wanted to communicate some important information in advance of your young person receiving their 1:1 device.

Rollout:

Pupils will receive their devices during dedicated sessions in their ICT classes which will last approximately one period. During this time, pupils will be taken through the required steps to set-up their devices and will receive important functionality and safety information to allow them to begin using their iPads.

Care:

Your child's iPad will be issued within a protective case which it must remain in at all times. Unfortunately, personal cases cannot be used. The cases provided have been chosen specifically for their robust properties and safety specifications. No stickers must be used on devices and cases as these will be re-issued to other pupils when you leave. However, the case has a transparent back cover, which allows a card template to be placed inside to identify the device.

Daily Requirements:

Your child's iPad is required for daily learning and teaching and, therefore, must be brought into school every day, fully charged. Your young person will be instructed on when to use their device by the classroom teacher who will follow our Bring Your Own Device Policy.

Airdrop:

Airdrop is a fantastic tool used to share files within class. As with your personal devices you are responsible for anything you share and must take responsibility to ensure you do not share anything that could be deemed as inappropriate. You are responsible for your use of Airdrop and anything you share.

Managed Apple ID:

As this is your school device you are required to use your Apple ID provided by your school. Your device will be locked into this. If you are not signed into your Managed Apple ID you will not have a fully functioning device. This can be tracked by staff and anyone found to have their personal Apple ID on their device may have their device removed.

iPad Passcodes:

If you are unable to remember your iPad passcode speak to a teacher immediately as they will be able to request a reset. If you enter your passcode 10 times incorrectly your device will be disabled and this will require your device to be handed back to the Connected Falkirk team in order to be rebuilt which can take a number of days.

All of the above information is available in more detail through the Connected Falkirk website but should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact myself at jillian.shaw@falkirk.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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