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Dear Parents of Year 1 Pupils,

Enhancing Our Key Stage 1 Digital Strategy: Year 1 In-Class Chromebook Provision

At Grange Park Primary School, we are immensely proud of our reputation as a globally recognised Google Reference School. Through our evidence-based research, we continually evaluate how digital tools can best serve children's learning, well-being, and development.

To ensure our youngest learners build a strong, healthy foundation with technology, we are updating our Chromebook approach specifically for our new Year 1 cohort. Moving forward, Year 1 pupils will use dedicated sets of Chromebooks **in school during the school day**, rather than taking individual devices home. Pupils will transition to taking personal 1:1 Chromebooks home when they reach **Year 3**.

Why We Are Refining Our Approach for Year 1

This decision is rooted in our commitment to a healthy "Digital Diet" and evidence-informed pedagogy:

- **Focused, Purposeful Skill Building:** In Year 1, Chromebooks will be used in targeted classroom sessions to teach essential foundational skills—such as logging in, keyboard familiarity, basic navigation, and digital safety. They will be used as a purposeful learning tool, not all day, every day.
- **Promoting a Balanced Digital Diet:** We believe young children thrive when screen time is balanced with hands-on, tactile, and collaborative play. Keeping devices in school helps maintain healthy boundaries for screen time at home.
- **Seamless Transition to KS2:** By mastering core digital mechanics in class throughout Key Stage 1, children will be fully prepared to use 1:1 devices seamlessly, independently, and responsibly when they begin taking them home in Year 3.

We look forward to seeing our new Year 1 pupils build confidence, agency, and robust digital skills in class this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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