

Coláiste Chill na n-Iníon



Firhouse Community College



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

At a meeting for the parents of 3rd year students on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, we introduced our plans to introduce 1:1 Devices for Transition Year students in the 26/27 school year.

### **What is the 1:1 Programme?**

Next year, each TY student will use a school-managed device, which must be purchased through a company called Wriggle Learning. Devices will come preloaded with the full Microsoft Office 365 suite and will be used across subjects to support learning.

### **Rationale for the Initiative**

The landscape of education in Ireland is changing significantly. Building on the digital skills developed during the Junior Cycle, there will now be a much greater emphasis on digital competencies in Senior Cycle too. As part of the Senior Cycle Redevelopment, Additional Assessment Components (AACs) will account for at least 40% of final grades in many subjects, and we expect there will be a strong digital element involved.

In addition, the Free Book Scheme has been extended to Senior Cycle, meaning that when students enter 5th Year, they will not need to purchase textbooks. The school will provide text books as well as e-learning materials.

### **Why TY?**

Transition Year offers the perfect opportunity to develop digital literacy skills before entering Senior Cycle. Students will use their device for IT modules, research, digital portfolios, and creative, independent learning.

The use of the device will also support academic skills such as better organisation, easy access to resources, and improved study habits. We also aim to help students develop their typing, communication, and collaboration skills to ensure they are ready for further studies and the world of work.



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### Device & Purchase Details

Model: Lenovo 300W Yoga (lightweight, durable, tablet-laptop hybrid)

Cost: Approx. €520

Purchase Requirement: The device must be purchased through Wriggle Learning

### Usage & Safety

Devices are strictly for educational use only. They will be fully managed with:

- Educational apps only
- Online safety filters
- Remote monitoring

These protections apply both in school and at home.

### Next Steps

At this point, parents/guardians do not need to take any action. We will write to you at the beginning of April to explain the process for purchasing the device through Wriggle Learning. We will also provide further details about insurance, support, and payment options.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to supporting your child as they transition to senior cycle.

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