

June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

S3 iPad Launch

I am delighted to announce that we will be extending our 1:1 Digital Learning approach to our present S3 year group with the issue of iPad minis to all pupils in the year group. I would like to invite you to our iPad Launch event on Thursday 15 June 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Research into projects involving 1:1 Digital Learning across the UK and beyond has demonstrated impressive results, including better engagement with and enthusiasm for learning leading to improved attainment and attendance. Our present S4, S5 and S6 pupils have been using iPads for some time and we are pleased with the impact on learning. The fantastic facilities in the new school will allow us to make even better use of this technology.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet has been enclosed with this letter to answer some of the questions that you might have. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions that have not been covered by the FAQ sheet. Alternatively, if you have questions you'd like to ask before the launch, please email us (admin@portobello.edin.sch.uk).

I have also enclosed a copy of the *Home School Agreement*. As you will be asked to sign a form confirming your agreement to this document before the iPad is given to your child, it is essential you attend this event.

On the evening itself, there will be a short presentation describing the programme and outlining the tasks that need to be carried out by the pupils to set the iPad up. It is important that this part is attended as many of the technical issues we experience are due to incorrect set up.

There will be an opportunity to start setting up the iPads and technical support will be available. The instructions provided will also allow you to set the iPad up at home providing you have Wi-Fi access.

I look forward to welcoming you to the school.

Yours faithfully,



Nigel Cotter
Depute Head Teacher