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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Bring Your Own Device: Chromebook Purchases

At Ratcliffe College we understand and value the benefits of technology as a learning tool to support students' learning. Ratcliffe College has a 'Bring Your Own Device' Policy whereby students in Years 4-13 are asked to bring a device. Our students use the RMUnify platform and Google Classroom to access their learning resources, complete assignments and hand in work. Departments have invested in electronic textbooks and resources which are accessible for learning at school and at home.

This is the fourth year of the [BYOD Policy](#) and all new students (**Years 4-10**) are required to purchase a Chromebook directly **from the school**. School-managed devices across the College support the security and safety of your child when working online. **It is not possible** for students – apart from Sixth Form students - **to connect a new device to the school network unless it is a Ratcliffe College device.**

The **cost of the Chromebook is £300** (our cost price). This is for a new device, with a 14-inch non-touch toughen screen - a rugged device specially selected for modern educational settings that has been drop tested.

The cost will be added to your school bill. Devices will be supplied with a protective case but you may wish to purchase a laptop sleeve.

It is important to note that the device is **not** covered by the School's insurance policy and the school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to the device. **Parents will need to insure the device on their own insurance policy.**

Sixth Form (New Students)

Year 12 students new to Ratcliffe College are warmly welcome to take advantage of this scheme **or** source their own device, which does **not** have to be a Chromebook. If you would like to purchase a Ratcliffe device, please contact Mr Paul Grewcock (Network Manager) at byoddevices@ratcliffecollege.com.



Years 4 - 10 (New Students)

It is assumed that you will purchase a Chromebook from the school. **You do not have to do anything else - we will purchase the Chromebooks and add the fee to your bill.**

Should you have any further queries about our Bring Your Own Device Policy, please contact Mr Paul Grewcock (Network Manager) at byoddevices@ratcliffecollege.com.

Yours sincerely,

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