



# Cunningham Hill Junior School:

## Tablet Fundraising Drive

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you know, every school relies heavily on the work of the PTA to help put 'the icing on the cake' in terms of provisions for schools. At a time when we need the extra financial support more than ever, we are unable to benefit from the big PTA events we would normally rely on. Even though we know the PTA are doing all they can to raise money differently this year, we know we are not going to be hitting the same figures as normal. With this in mind, we are writing to see if we could ask parents to support us in a different way. We are writing to you for help in developing our online capabilities in the school.

We are investing in a scheme called Learning by Questions (LBQ) which is an online tool which supports accelerated catch up. As you will have undoubtedly heard across the media, all educators are under pressure to ensure their pupils 'catch up' on lost learning during the lockdown and this platform has proven very successful to assist with this. The scheme allows us to see how our pupils are progressing in real time, meaning we can intervene and address any misconceptions straight away. However in order for us to be able to target as many children as possible - both those who need extra support and those who need more of a challenge - we would like to invest in class based tablets that are purely for accessing LBQ. In this way our Chromebooks and iPads are still free to support other areas of the curriculum.

Our aim is to purchase 80 tablets and docking stations to enable each class to have 10 devices. We have been advised that Huawei tablets would be the most cost effective at approximately £120 per device. The docking stations cost £50 for each class.

To that end, we are asking if parents would consider making voluntary contributions towards the purchase of these tablets. We ran a similar drive in the Infant School which was hugely successful and now have 30 iPads in the school. We would like to stress there is no expectation for donations but any support you are able to offer would be gratefully received. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so via Parentmail. Several parents at the Infant School were also able to make a donation through their company so please speak to us if that is a possibility. Our goal is to have raised enough funds to purchase these devices over the Easter holiday and be ready for use at the start of the Summer Term. We will let parents know regularly how we are doing with the donation drive and hopefully the children will start benefiting from the programme quickly.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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