

Dear parent

Re: The iLearning Programme

You may be aware that the launch of the iPad in the UK had been delayed due to unprecedented demand for the device in the USA.

Although the launch for Ipads in the UK has been set for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, recent announcements by Apple UK indicate that if an ipad has not been pre-ordered prior to this date, customers would need to wait until June before ipads become freely available.

As a result of this delay we have not been able to properly test ipad devices on our school network to ensure that students are able to access their learning resources in lessons in the way we intend.

Our Technology team at school is still convinced that the ipad/tablet computer of all devices offers the best potential for learning in a classroom situation and we are committed to being able offer the best device at the best price for parents.

Regretfully, given these circumstances we do not feel that we are able to move forward with a September 2010 launch for ipads in school.

*We have therefore decided to extend the period of consultation for a further school term with an intention to **start at the beginning of the Spring Term 2011.***

We would anticipate that the Parent Consultation Evenings will be postponed until early in the Autumn Term 2010.

We have had an overwhelmingly positive response from our parent survey and we are grateful to those parents who had questions or issues they wanted to raise. As a result of this, we feel that we are able to make better decisions over the future course of the programme.

I would like to take this opportunity thank parents for their support in the programme and also would like to apologise of any inconvenience the delay may cause.

Yours Sincerely

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