



Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share our exciting plans about our 'Harnessing Technology Maximising Learning' (HTML) Strategy and how we will launch this strategy on our **'Digital Lift off' Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

The lockdown period has shown the benefits that technology can have on children's learning both within and outside the classroom. Through technology children can access a wide range materials so that they can practise, consolidate and apply their learning at home. They can also access thousands of online books which will complement the number of real books available to them. They will use technology to communicate with others as they have never before and to record their learning journey. As we encourage our children to become expert independent learners they acquire skills for their future life and beyond.

This period has also been made us more aware of the **digital divide** that exists in our communities. For that reason we have made a transformational commitment to all Harmony children. Our aim is to increase children's access to technology, creating equality and opportunity through a stimulating and challenging curriculum. **Over the coming months, all Y3 to Y6 children will have a iPad funded by the Trust and charitable donations to use for learning at school and at home.** All younger children and those with additional needs will also have better access to appropriate technology in school.

Our team of principals have committed to this plan. **We are looking to our parents and families to support us too, so this is a Harmony 'family' effort.** Our investment in technology is supported by Trustees and they have committed significant financial reserves to ensure that the strategy is a success. **We are also looking for support from local businesses and our children are keen to participate in fundraising too.**

Our first step is our 'Digital Lift off' Day. This will be a day where we share our plans with our children and talk to them about the opportunities technology will bring for their learning and their future lives. The Digital Lift Off will unite our 5166 pupils under one common cause, enabling them to become expert learners through using technology to maximum effect.

On Digital Lift off Day we invite our children to come to school in bright clothes, anything that they feel happy and proud to wear. We ask that they bring a £1 contribution which will give us £5,000 to kick start the fund raising efforts towards our £100k target!

We are determined that this ambitious and exciting project will be one of the positive outcomes and a long lasting legacy of the Covid19 pandemic.

Wishing all our families and staff a peaceful Easter Break

Antony Hughes  
CEO