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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well and you've had a chance to enjoy some time off over the summer. I am writing to you today regarding an exciting project that every student will be a part of in the weeks ahead at Oasis Academy *Marsbury Road* called Oasis Horizons.

Oasis Horizons will provide every student and staff member with an iPad for use in and outside of school while they are a member of the Oasis Academy *Marsbury Road* family. In this letter I will be explaining the reasons behind the project, and what our next steps are.

Providing each student with an iPad is the third element of a wider plan being implemented by the Oasis Learning family of 52 schools. The first part of the plan was to develop our curriculum offer so that students have real choice to high quality content that they are excited to learn about, and this work is continuing. The second aspect was to offer support and guidance to staff to enable the best possible teaching, and across the country we now have subject experts who focus on how we can best teach every subject. The third and final part of the plan is Oasis Horizons, which will make online learning accessible for everyone.

How will Oasis Horizons support my child and the Academy?

Through Oasis Horizons, every new and current student will be provided with an iPad during their time at Oasis, so everyone has equal access to online learning. It helps us to create an environment where everyone is included, contributing and reaching their potential, and it will enhance learning for all.

The technology provided by Oasis Horizons puts exceptional teaching and learning, and the new Oasis curriculum, into the hands of every Oasis student. We know that our pupils are always learning, and that families play an essential role in supporting their children with their education. Oasis Horizons will bring school and home a little closer together, enabling pupils to access online learning wherever they are.

Oasis Horizons prepares our young people for their next steps by giving them a greater understanding of e-safety and providing them opportunities to engage with technology throughout their school career. Oasis Horizons provides a firm foundation towards further education, or an aspirational, fulfilling and prosperous career.

Finally, Oasis Horizons empowers our staff to work more efficiently by reducing the time taken to do things like marking and freeing up more time to support their pupils to make great progress.

What Happens Next?

We were lucky to be selected as a pilot school for the project and we are excited to be one of the first schools to be part of this roll out. We are delighted to share with you what happens next and how your child will receive their iPad.

We are hoping that this will happen in October or November but we will be in touch soon with further details once they are confirmed.

Every pupil will be taught how to make the most of their device, and how to look after it. If an iPad is lost, it is set up not to work for anyone else. iPads that are reported missing can be locked remotely, and then be tracked.

If you have any questions about this project, please refer to our FAQ's in the first instance via our website. We will be in touch shortly with further information.

I hope you share my excitement about the huge potential of Oasis Horizons, and how it will enhance all of our young people's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Robinson
Principal