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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Midlothian Council has successfully allocated individual Digital Devices – Chromebooks or iPads for every child in Midlothian. Pupils are entitled to begin taking their device home if they wish. St Andrew's Primary School are having a trial weekend, of taking devices home, from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. In order to ensure devices are treated with care and respect, Primary 6 have made a video outlining safe usage and care. This has been shared with all pupils at assembly and in class. In addition, we have created a Digital Device Charter, which should be read, understood and signed by both parent and child.

We would appreciate if you could read through the Digital Device Charter with your child and then both complete and sign it. We ask that all Chromebooks and iPads are returned for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May along with the signed Charter. Devices are used daily in class and are an essential classroom resource.

It is not anticipated that the devices will need to go home every day and individual class arrangements will be made by teachers for future home use. In order to reduce the cost of the school day, for all of our families, all devices will be charged in school before being sent home. A fully charged device should operate for approximately 48 hours. Chargers will only be sent home in the event that your child is unable to attend school for an extended period of time.

Please note that the purpose of this weekend is to provide your child with an opportunity to share some of the Digital knowledge and skills that they have gained since receiving their device, eg: educational games and software to support Literacy and Numeracy. There are no compulsory homework tasks for classes or individuals on this occasion.

Thank you for your continued support.

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