

30th March 2016

Dear Parent / Carer / Guardian,

I am delighted to inform you that your child will be receiving a BBC micro:bit computer shortly. The micro:bit is a programmable computer that has the potential for many uses both in and out of school.

The micro:bit will belong to your child meaning that they are responsible for it, ensuring that it is not lost or damaged. There are safety instructions that are available in the computer rooms and they are also available on the school website.

Should your child damage or lose their micro:bit, they will not be able to download the programs they make in lessons, but they will still be able to participate and use the online micro:bit simulator on the BBC micro:bit website. There may be the option to purchase a new or additional one later in the year, but details have yet to be released regarding cost and availability.

We will be using the micro:bit in Computer Science lessons during the summer term, so your child will need to ensure that they bring it with them to lessons. When they are not using it in lessons, they will be free to use the device as they wish, providing they are using it responsibly and safely.

The micro:bit is programmed using the BBC micro:bit website which is located at www.microbit.co.uk. The website can be accessed in or out of school and pupils will be given instructions on how to log in to the website, so they can save their programs, during their Computer Science lessons.

The BBC have produced a letter which includes information about keeping your child safe whilst using the micro:bit website. Please read the information and **only complete the reply slip** if you **do not** want your child to use the BBC micro:bit website services.

There will hopefully be lots of exciting opportunities over the coming months for using the micro:bit, including an opportunity for parents to get involved with making programs with their child as well as national competitions. Details will be made available in the coming weeks on the school website.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Hackett
Computer Science Teacher



Dear Parent

We would like to let you know that our school will be using the BBC micro:bit and micro:bit website. The BBC micro:bit is a pocket-sized, codeable computer that allows children to get creative with technology. In the BBC's most ambitious education initiative for 30 years, up to 1 million devices will be given to every 11 or 12 year old child in Year 7 or equivalent across the UK, for free. The UK currently faces a critical skills shortage in the technology sector, and the BBC and partners aim to help change that.

Before we start, we would like to advise you of some key points that you should be particularly aware of. These are also set out in the Terms of Use on the website: www.microbit.co.uk/terms-of-use

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSENT

We will be passing on a BBC micro:bit to children and giving children access to the BBC micro:bit website. Children will be able to use the website to create programs for their micro:bit.

We'd also be really pleased to see some great scripts published on the website for everyone to see. Teachers will be able to publish your child's scripts so that they can be found by others on the website. The BBC Editorial team may publish and promote these scripts on the BBC micro:bit website. By allowing your child to use the BBC micro:bit service, you will be allowing your child's contribution to be freely used, shared, copied, redistributed, adapted, remixed or transformed without attribution on a non-commercial basis. Please see section 1 of the Terms of Use for further information.

If you are happy for your child to use the BBC micro:bit service and for their scripts to be published, you don't need to do anything. If you do **NOT** wish your child to use the BBC micro:bit services at all or if you prefer **NOT** to have your child's scripts published, please complete the form overleaf and return it to your child's teacher.

As a parent or guardian, you are responsible for their activity outside of the classroom. If you are unhappy with any of their scripts visible, you can delete them from their computer or memory stick. For scripts that have already been published on the website, you can report them directly from the website and request that they are reviewed.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will let the children know that they shouldn't include any personally identifiable information within their own scripts. If we do approve scripts for publication, we must be sure that the text in

the script doesn't contain any personal information that could be viewed by anyone visiting the BBC micro:bit website. You can encourage your child to look at this web page which has useful tips on online safety www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe.

Please ensure that your child is aware of the House Rules and encourage them to discuss anything that is unclear before they use the website. The House Rules are also set out on the website if you need to refer to them. www.microbit.co.uk/house-rules

Your child's teacher will be responsible for publishing your child's content and will unpublish a child's script if it breaks House Rules. The BBC reserves the right to remove content from the website which breaks House Rules.

We hope that your child has an enjoyable experience and is inspired to explore and learn from the coding activities on the site.

"Just as the BBC Micro introduced millions to personal computers 30 years ago, the BBC micro:bit can help equip a new generation with the digital skills they need to find jobs and help grow the UK economy." Tony Hall, BBC Director-General

We wish your child many hours of challenging fun learning to code and programming their BBC micro:bit.

Best wishes

BBC micro:bit Team



Dear Teacher/Facilitator

- I do not want my child to use the BBC micro:bit service at school.
- I do not want my child's BBC micro:bit scripts to be published on the website.

*Please tick those that apply.

Best wishes

Signature:

Name:

Parent/Guardian of: