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Dear parent/carer

We are excited to be launching the pilot phase of an exciting and ambitious new project today.

At Thomas Deacon Education Trust (TDET), we strive to provide outstanding teaching and learning and an ethos and culture that encourages everyone to be the very best they can be. In September 2020, we began considering how iPads (inside and outside the classroom) could help improve and develop learning. This project, called Transform, will aim to change the way staff and pupils work, learn and even think across the Trust through the provision of iPads on a 1:1 basis.

Our research over the last six months has shown us the significant impact iPads can have on broadening pupils' learning experiences and during the pilot phase, we will be looking in practice at the benefits that iPads can bring for our pupils and their teachers.

We believe iPads are a powerful tool which will compliment what students are working on in their lessons. Teachers will receive training on how best to utilise the iPad's capabilities in the classroom, and will be able to support our children and young people to use the apps and resources provided to develop and deepen their learning.

As part of the pilot phase of the project, there are a small number of children who will be receiving iPads to use both in school and at home. These children and their parents will be notified with a separate letter which will follow in the next few days or weeks. If this phase of the project is successful, we will begin the gradual process of rolling out iPads as appropriate to the remaining members of staff and pupils across the Trust. This is an exciting moment in the Transform journey and we will keep all parents updated on its progress.

In the meantime, if you would like to keep up to date with the progress of the project, please follow the TDET social media accounts by searching Thomas Deacon Education Trust on Facebook or following @TDETEducation on Twitter.

We are really pleased to be working with our children, teachers and parents across the Trust on this innovative project and are excited to see the impact the Transform project will have.

Yours faithfully



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