



# Coláiste Pobail Ros Comáin

## *Roscommon Community College*

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you are aware as a school our mission is to provide a quality academic, practical, social and spiritual education for our students suited to their needs and abilities in a warm caring and friendly environment. Much has changed on the Education landscape in recent years and one of these areas of change is the adoption of technology in our classrooms.

As a school we have reached the point where sharing laptop devices between students in the classroom is not sufficient to give our students the learning opportunities that are available to them. We need to build digital skills in our students and ensure that they are prepared for further education and the workplace when they leave our school. Students need their own, personalised device to support their learning.

The new Junior Cycle Certificate has an emphasis on digital technologies across each of the key skills that our students will develop as they move through their Junior Cycle. They are required to be creative, to collaborate on projects and to present their work.... and technology supports them to do all of this. We are entering into a phase of Senior Cycle Reform which will see our Leaving Certificate programme place significant emphasis on technology and building life skills.

To that end we have made a decision to enter into a partnership with Wriggle Learning Ltd ([www.wriggle.ie](http://www.wriggle.ie)). Wriggle is the leader in the delivery of student device programmes in the Irish market and has the experience and expertise to support our school community in this endeavour. Wriggle supply devices and more importantly, manage these devices so they are secure and focused on learning. Students cannot download social media or other Apps onto the devices....they are configured only with the software and Apps that we, as a school need to support learning in our classrooms.

You will be required to purchase a managed Windows 2 in 1 device via the Wriggle online store which will open later in the year (date to be agreed). Further information will be provided at the first year parent induction meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7 p.m.

We know that parents have wanted to have this option available to them in the past and we are delighted to be taking this step now. The device will be used as and when it is appropriate to do so and will not replace the traditional text book or pen and paper. It will supplement our students learning, personalise their learning and give them opportunities to collaborate on tasks both inside and outside the traditional classroom.

We hope that you will welcome this initiative. We will provide further information to you as we near the store opening date.

Kind regards

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