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Dear Parents/Guardians

For the last ten years Caterham School has taken huge steps forward in embracing the digital world and embedding the use of technology into the educational experience of our pupils. We have been acknowledged as an Apple Distinguished School and are visited frequently by schools around the world as an example of good practise in this area. Recently we were named an EdTech50 school, we won the TES Independent Schools Award for 'best use of technology,' and were shortlisted for 'best education initiative' for Digital Inquiry, the pre-cursor to the EDGE course which your children will undertake next year.

As we have monitored and improved our offering, it has become apparent that there are still further opportunities for creativity and methods of teaching and learning that compliment and exceed the boundaries of the analogue world, and it is with this in mind, that I write to you.

We are committed to ensuring that the educational experience at Caterham School is supportive, innovative and challenging. Ensuring that our pupils are equipped with a device which best supports this ethos is of paramount importance. As of September 2019 we have required that all pupils have a stylus to help them complete work on their iPad more effectively. Whilst we would like to recommend the Apple Pencil (1st Generation), we are happy for pupils to make alternative arrangements to suit their needs.

The <u>Apple Pencil</u> (1st Generation only) is a very high quality stylus which can be charged conveniently using the iPad. We are able to offer it at a reduced price for £98.40. The <u>Logitech Crayon</u> is another excellent option, which can be purchased for £55.92. As with the Apple Pencil, you may order this through our supplier portal: https://store.albion.co.uk/caterham/. The password for the portal is 'veritas'.

There are of course many other styluses available, and if you and your child find an accurate and comfortable fit, then please do feel free to purchase this instead. Please note that the stylus will be delivered to school and distributed at the start of term. The other items listed on the portal are for 6^{th} Form pupils only.

We do not add to the list of required school equipment list often, or without considerable reflection, however we believe that a stylus will offer pupils greater opportunity to create, design and curate work in dynamic ways, whilst also offering us a considerable chance to be more environmentally sensitive in the reduction of our paper consumption.

If you have any questions about this, please do contact itsupport@caterhamschool.co.uk in the first instance.

Kind regards

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