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Dear Mr Beardsley,

I am writing to inform you how very disappointed I am due to the lack of technology. The limited amount of working Ipad and laptops we own are extremely poor quality and very outdated.

I would also like to point out that as a school we only own around twenty-four laptops. This is appalling! Twenty-four laptops, in most classes, is not enough for every pupil, this then results in children either missing out on valuable ICT time or having to share with other pupils which impacts on almost everyone's experience.

When beginning ICT, we face many problems and challenges: logging in can take as long as half an hour to get only onto the home screen; battery life is another major problem, as we only have twenty-four laptops it is vital all of them are charged. The computers are plugged in by the teachers but who knows how reliable the charging trolleys are?

As well as the many problems with the laptops, we have also faced a multitude of dilemmas including the iPads. This includes not being able to download apps. This also means teachers are unable to provide learning resources; and not being able to use them very often due to not having enough chargers.

If I were the CEO of the trust, I would be appalled and ashamed due to the substandard laptops you have provided us with. A high number of pupils in our school feel as if they cannot reach their full extent and highest potential.

In conclusion, our staff, pupils and governors are greatly appalled by the lack of computer resources. We expect a full class of fully functioning laptops. We hope you take our needs into consideration and that our problems can be fixed in the foreseeable future.

Yours sincerely

Esther D from St Joseph's Otley