



Frequently Asked Question iPad Scheme

1. What happens if they are broken?

The first accidental break of an iPad will be fixed or replaced by the school at no extra cost to the student or their family. We understand that accidents happen and want to ensure that students continue to have access to their educational tools.

2. What happens if they are lost?

Each iPad can be tracked, and if it is lost while at school, we will take steps to locate it. It's important to report any lost or stolen iPad immediately so that we can assist in the recovery process.

3. How will they be identified?

Every iPad is linked to a specific student and is labeled with stickers that display the student's name. This helps ensure that each device is easily identifiable and reduces the risk of mix-ups.

4. Do they get to keep it?

This is a loan scheme, meaning that students are borrowing the iPads for educational use during their time at school. The devices remain the property of the school and must be returned at the end of the loan period or when the student leaves the school. The reason for this approach is to keep the initial outlay down and to allow us to update the iPads every four years, ensuring they remain current and do not become outdated.

5. Will students spend all day staring at a computer screen?

No, we are committed to a blended learning approach. iPads will not be used in all lessons. Instead, they will complement traditional teaching methods, ensuring students engage with a variety of learning experiences.

6. Can they use them to write essays?

Students can write essays on iPads effectively. However, unless a student has access arrangements that permit them to type instead of write, it is important for them to continue practicing handwriting. The iPads are not intended to replace traditional books.

7. What if I already own an iPad?

The iPads provided through the scheme should be considered educational devices. They are configured to restrict app downloads for security and educational purposes. Students can continue using their personal iPads for entertainment at home. Unfortunately, due to networking, cyber security, and safeguarding considerations, personal devices cannot be used in place of the school-issued iPads.

8. Is the Scheme used to generate profit for the school?

Absolutely not. The school has heavily invested in the program to enhance educational outcomes for students. The scheme is purely educational and not intended for profit generation.

9. Are the parents who agree to contribute subsidising those who can't or won't?

No, this scheme requires all parents to contribute. We have put aside some funding to assist with payments from parents who genuinely can't afford them. If a very small handful of parents decided not to contribute, we would look to fund the shortfall from the school budget, this would obviously be at the detriment to other areas of the school, but we passionately believe this scheme will make a difference to the quality of teaching and learning in the school. We hope that parents will join us in our belief that this is a positive scheme and will financially back the scheme. If too many parents choose not to contribute the scheme may not be able to go ahead as planned.

10. Can the students personalise or change their cases or use additional gadgets?

Students must use the cases we have provided as they are very sturdy. Students can use their own stylus pens (or equivalent). Blue tooth headphones can be used at school if the teacher gives permission.

11. How is iPad use monitored in class?

Student iPads can be viewed via Apple Classroom, so teachers can monitor students' work. They will have the capacity to lock iPads and send all students into specific applications or websites. Apple Classroom also allows teachers to display students' work via mirroring to the board. Additionally, teachers will circulate the room and monitor work as they would have previously.

12. What happens if students forget to charge their iPad?

Students will be expected to bring their iPad with at least 60% charge to school. The iPad will be seen as equipment and sanctions will be put in place for lack of equipment if the iPad is not charged. You may wish to consider a power bank to support students with this.

13. How is work stored or saved on the iPad?

Work completed on the iPad will be done via Showbie or Google Drive – these platforms automatically save work to a cloud-based system. This should minimise any losses if anything happens to the iPad. Students can also access both of these systems via web site platforms so will be able to access their work on other devices.