



Dear Year 7/8 families,

Thank you very much for your engagement with our new 1:1 iPad initiative. We are incredibly pleased to have embarked on this journey with you and your children, and we are excited to work alongside you all to make it a success.

After a successful period of use within school, we are almost ready for children to take their devices home. The time spent using the devices within the classroom has been invaluable, and we are grateful to you and the children for the support and understanding.

We would like to highlight a few changes that have been made to the documentation, in response to feedback from families, that clarify some aspects of responsibilities for families in relation to repairs and reporting.

In the Repairs section of the agreement, the following clause remains:

“The responsibility of repairs lies with the school however, on occasion when there is malicious or mistreatment of the device, we may require a contribution from parents/carers. Under no circumstances should a repair be attempted by a 3rd party or at home.”

Given the above, we have removed the following clause to avoid confusion:

“Reimburse the school for the cost of repair or replacement of my child’s iPad if damaged or lost outside of school. Insurance is not provided, however the device, if looked after, will be fine for the duration that your child has the device. Accidental damage may be covered by your home insurance, and it could be worth checking with your provider.”

Within the parent responsibilities section of the agreement, we have removed the clause below:

‘It is the responsibility of the family to report any theft to the Police immediately and get a crime reference number that should be passed on to the school.’

However, we would highlight and urge families to remember that any damage, loss, or theft should be reported to the school Leadership Team immediately, as outlined in the agreement. The responsibility for reporting loss / theft to the police will then remain the responsibility of the school.

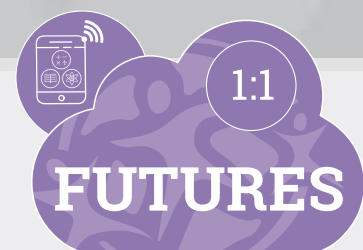
We hope that these changes and the rationale behind them are clear. If you have any questions or concerns around the changes made, please don’t hesitate to contact the school to discuss them by 15th January 2024.

The iPads will be coming home from 22nd January 2024 onwards. Whilst this is a very exciting time, particularly for the children, we have and will continue to educate them on their responsibilities as users of digital technology. For this reason, we have opted for a staged approach whereby certain aspects of the iPad are restricted to support families and children in getting used to the device and establishing routines.

During the times when the iPad is available, internet access will be through Showbie – our digital workbook app. This provides children with the opportunity to engage in learning completed in school, and teachers can share interesting websites through it for children to enjoy. The children will also be able to use CENTURY and ClassCharts.



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When the success of this stage is well established, we will share an update that will include widening access to the internet for our children.

We look forward to working together as a community to ensure the short- and long-term success of this project. Keep an eye out on the IFtL website (<https://www.iftl.co.uk/devices/tutorials/>) as we will regularly update this with top tips and tutorials for you to support your children.

Kind regards,

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