



Enhanced Learning using Laptops 2026 Home School Agreement

We believe that our enhanced learning scheme will give your child the opportunity to learn more effectively, to work more creatively, to collaborate with teachers and fellow students, and to benefit from more personalised learning. The scheme is a partnership between parents, students and the school, and the school is grateful that parents have agreed to contribute financially in order to make it happen.

As a school we will provide all of the back-up and resources needed to make the scheme work, but we also need the commitment of parents and students. As you read through this leaflet you will see a summary of the e-learning commitment that the school is making to your child and to you as parents. It also outlines the commitment needed and responsibilities placed on you and your child.

When you have read the document please complete the form on Firefly to acknowledge this. If you have any queries please make contact with Mr Clifton for IT related matters or Mrs Lofthouse for anything related to teaching and learning.

THE SCHOOL

As a school we will...

- Provide a laptop computer for the duration of the scheme, with ownership passing to home at the end of the 3 year period.
- Make sure that the laptop is kept working and that repairs are dealt with as quickly and effectively as possible
- Provide technical support and advice in school to students to allow them to use their laptops well.
- Provide initial training to parents at the start of the scheme
- Provide technical support to parents and carers from within school to enable the laptop to be used successfully at home (please note that our support team will not be able to go out to homes to provide support and will not normally be able to provide specific support for wider home computing issues such as broadband internet connection, home networking or printing)
- Provide accidental damage and theft insurance cover for the laptop for the three-year period
- Provide a range of software to allow for educational use of the laptop
- Continue to develop our Virtual Learning Environment to enable students to take full advantage of the opportunities the laptop offers
- Provide protection as far as possible from computer viruses
- Continue to provide a locker to each student to allow for secure storage of the laptop when not in use at school
- Provide access to the school network for students' laptops in line with the school's Acceptable Use Policy, including filtered Internet access
- Carry out a regular "health check" on the laptop

PARENTS AND CARERS

As parents or carers we will...

- Work with our child to care for their laptop and keep it safe. We will reinforce strongly the need for her to keep their laptop in the protective case provided at all times when not in use.
- Report any loss or damage to the laptop or other equipment provided to the school promptly
- Report any faults in hardware or software to the school promptly
- Continue to make the agreed monthly contribution for the duration of the 3-year period of the scheme. In the event of my child leaving the school before the end of the scheme (i.e. the end of Year 9) to return the laptop and other equipment provided or to pay the balance of the contributions outstanding.
- Work with the school in enforcing and supporting any sanction which has to be imposed following misuse of the laptop by our child
- Ensure that the laptop is not used at home for any purpose which is illegal or anti-social or which would put other students or the school network at risk when the laptop is brought into school
- Ensure that the laptop is not left unattended in a vehicle unless it is out of sight in a locked boot (or it will not be covered by our insurance). The laptop will also not be covered if it has been lent by your child to a "third party". This means that it should not be taken away from your home by anyone other than your child.

STUDENTS

As a student I will...

- Bring my laptop to school each day fully charged (you should not bring the charger to school)
- Do my best to keep my files organised and my laptop in such a state that it can quickly be brought into use at the start of lessons
- Keep my laptop in the case provided whenever not in use to avoid damage to the laptop.
- Make sure I do not leave my laptop unattended in school (lockers should be used when the laptop is not needed)
- Look after my laptop carefully, making sure that I avoid the possibility of careless or malicious damage
- Make sure that I follow the school's Acceptable Use Policy when I am in school.
- Only connect to the internet through the school's filtered Internet connection, without attempting to bypass the filtering or connect to an unauthorised Wi-Fi connection
- Only use the webcam on my laptop in school when my teacher asks me to as part of a lesson
- Not lend my laptop to other students or give them details of any passwords which would allow access to it.
- Take care when I am transporting my laptop to and from school, never leaving it unattended
- Not "decorate" the laptop with anything which cannot be removed completely
- Make sure that I do nothing with my laptop at home which is illegal or anti-social or which would put other students or the school network at risk when I bring my laptop into school
- Report any faults or suspected viruses to the school before I connect my laptop to the school network
- Make use of Onedrive to ensure my files and folders are synced to the cloud and backed up at all times