PERSONAL DEVICES FOR LEARNING
Introduction

The *personal devices for learning* project is to enable all students to have quick and easy access from their desk in any lesson to information, word processing and spreadsheets and other basic tools.
Introduction – part 2

Students will still have access to the general computer fleet which is in excess of 200 devices including:
laptops, netbooks, desktops and iPads.
Which devices will work?

- Any portable devices which uses Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10
- Any Apple iTouch device (iPad, ipod Touch)
- Linux devices (Ubuntu on a standard laptop works well)
- Andriod Devices (tablets, smart-phones etc)
- From our experience, devices with a larger screen size are best, 10” to 14”.
How will my child connect?

- After the school has received the completed ICT Agreement form, the student’s access is granted.
- The student simply logs into the wireless network with their regular username and password. This happens within 24 hours of submitting their ICT agreement form.
What restrictions are in place?

• The student’s internet access is still subject to the same ‘black listed’ websites and categories that are in place for school based devices.

• Printing will not be possible. This is not only to maintain security but to encourage students to save paper by emailing assignments to their teacher or submit using our OneNote and Sharepoint sites.
My child doesn’t have a device, what should I consider?

• Windows is the most common operating system used by students. Others such as Mac and Linux (Ubuntu) are fine. Android is also supported.

• Don’t purchase additional software if using a Windows PC. There is a range of free software available for download and from the school.
My child doesn’t have a device, what should I consider?

• Size and weight – large laptops can be very heavy if carried long distances but smaller devices lack the screen size. You will need to weigh up the pros and cons of this with your child.

• Battery Life – it is worth spending extra money for better battery life. There are safety considerations for large numbers of power cables in a classroom
My child doesn’t have a device, what should I consider?

• A device for less than $500 will be more than adequate.
• Purchase a hard plastic case – laptop cases are rarely waterproof and will not protect the device against spills etc.
Can I contact the school for advice before I buy?

• While the school can provide general information, we are not able to provide recommendations on vendors or brands
Questions?

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