



Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you today with important and exciting updates about the 1:1 devices and our approach to digital learning.

We are delighted to offer free iPads to all students Years 4 to 5 to power up their learning and unlock their potential. In this letter, you will find essential information about:

- How your child can make the most of their device
- Guidance for looking after the device and your responsibilities
- The Acceptable Use Agreement

1. Taking your child's iPad home

If your child isn't currently taking their iPad home, they will be able to from Tuesday 28 June, as long as the Acceptable Use Agreement has been signed.

2. Use of apps at school and home

We have updated our approach to using apps to ensure your child's safety while also providing more flexibility when they are using their device.

Your child's iPad will have a variety of learning apps automatically downloaded onto their device.

You can also download various entertainment apps for your child to use outside of school. These approved apps include:

- Streaming services such as BBC iPlayer and Netflix

The approved entertainment apps are age-appropriate, and social media apps are only available to students aged 14 and above. You can view a complete list of apps at <https://www.goldsmithprimary.org.uk/assets/downloads/app-list/Primary-App-List.pdf>

You will have control over which entertainment apps your child has access to, as you will be able to download them to your child's iPad or remove them if preferred.

This new approach to managing apps means you no longer need to use a personal Apple ID when using the device during school holidays.



3. Looking after your child's device

Your child is responsible for taking good care of their iPad and keeping it safe.

We ask that you ensure that your child cares for and respects their device as they would with any school equipment they use.

We provide a robust protective case for the iPad and guidance on how to care for the device. Where it's clear a student has maliciously damaged the device, the cost of replacing or repairing the device will be expected from parents/carers.

You will be required to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement outlining the responsibilities and expectations of you and your child. Please sign and return the agreement by Tuesday 28 June on ParentMail.

If we don't receive the signed agreement by this date, your child won't be able to use their iPad after Tuesday 28 June.

4. Supporting your child in safely using the device

We use Securly safeguarding software on your child's device so they can use it safely and to protect them from accessing potentially harmful online content.

While this provides excellent online safety for your child it doesn't mitigate all online risks. You are responsible for ensuring they use their iPad responsibly, safely and respectfully at school and home. You can find further details in the Acceptable Use Agreement.

5. Day-to-day good habits

We want to ensure that your child can use their device effectively to maximise their learning. To support this, we ask that you follow some simple day-to-day habits, including:

- Making sure your child brings their iPad fully charged to school each day
- Deleting unnecessary videos and images to optimise performance
- Ensuring your child doesn't download films or videos from streaming services or other media content onto their device, unless instructed by a teacher

You can find full details in the Acceptable Use Agreement.

Further information and questions

You can find further information and answers to FAQs here <https://www.goldsmithprimary.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/digital-learning/faqs/>. If you have any other questions or queries, please contact us on 01922 710182 and ask for Miss Bennett or Mr Ingles.

Yours sincerely

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