

iPads for Learning – The Priory School Frequently Asked Questions

Why iPad?

As digital natives, our students are familiar with new technology. Smart phones and tablets provide 24 hour access to a wealth of information far beyond what any teacher can provide. iPads are an effective learning tool which offer the opportunity to extend learning far beyond the confines of the classroom. iPad is currently the leading market device to support teaching and learning and is being used extensively in the UK by education organisations (Primary, Secondary, Universities).

How much will it cost?

Prices will start from £18.54 per month which will include the iPad, case, warranty, insurance and educational Apps for use in the classroom.

Do I own the device at the end of the agreement?

Yes. The school will retain ownership of the iPad until all monies are paid in full.

How do I sign up?

Log onto your child's ParentPay account and you will see the 3 options there.

Can I spread the end of term payment across the monthly payments?

Yes, the school are offering three payment options: - purchase outright, payment over 12 months or payment over 24 months. You can do this by logging onto your child's ParentPay account and selecting the repayment option you require.

My son or daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium does the school subsidise my payment?

Yes. The school is subsidising all Students eligible for Pupil Premium. Students who are eligible for pupil premium will have received a separate letter explaining the cost structure. If you have not received a letter please notify either Mrs Knight, Mr Walters or Mr Wright.

My son or daughter already has an iPad – can they bring this into school?

Yes, they can to support their learning; however, technical support of the device on site may be limited. It will be your responsibility to ensure that the device is adequately protected against accidental damage, theft & loss. We will also ask you to ensure that the recommended teaching and learning apps are installed on the device.

Can my son or daughter bring in a different tablet device?

Unfortunately due to the complex nature of many of the educational apps, an app on an iPad may function differently to the same app on an android device. It is imperative for learning that the Teacher uses the same app as the students by having a uniform device across the school. Therefore the Priory School will only be using iPads in this scheme.

What should we do if the device is lost or stolen?

Each device is covered with Accidental Damage, Theft and Loss Protection, in the event that the device is lost or stolen please contact the school immediately. If the device is stolen outside of The Priory School the police will need to be informed in order to obtain a crime reference number and this will be the responsibility of the parents and guardians to make this contact – The Priory School will provide advice, guidance and support in this instance. Important: Without a crime reference number the parent or guardian runs the risk of having to pay the replacement costs of the devices.

How long does the warranty, accidental damage, theft protection cover me for?

Following feedback from parents we have incorporated a 3 year warranty, accidental damage and theft cover into the scheme.

I have another child at The Priory School. Can they sign up to the scheme?

If you have a child that was involved in the roll out last year, they are eligible to sign up to the scheme providing they didn't sign up last year. Details for Year 9, 10 & 11 sign up will be distributed shortly.

Unfortunately, if your child is in Year 7 or 11 they are unable to sign up to the scheme. As iPads are not being used as part of the curriculum for Years 7, the school cannot reclaim the VAT. Therefore the costs would be exactly the same. We anticipate that Year 7 will have the opportunity to sign up next Autumn when they move into Year 8.

Where can I find more information?

Details of the scheme can be found on the school website under 'Parents' and 'iPads for Learning'. Alternatively, please contact the iPads for Learning team on ipadsforlearning@tpstrust.co.uk and we will be happy to answer any query you have.