



Prince Henry's Grammar School

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TRUST



Prince Henry's Grammar School iPads for Learning Acceptable Use Agreement

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Using the iPad responsibly in school



The following Guidelines have been developed and cover a wide range of potential issues. It is important that all students are aware of them and their personal responsibility to adhere to these guidelines.

Health & Safety

Health

It is important to be aware of the possible risks to health of sitting in uncomfortable positions and staring at the iPad for prolonged periods of time.

Students:

Be aware of the amount of time you have spent using your iPad and try to ensure this is not excessive. Teachers will not be using iPads in every lesson and will also not be using them for the whole lesson. If you have been spending a large amount of time doing your home learning on the iPad, please ensure that you take regular breaks. Don't continue to play games for hours after already spending time on the device. Please be aware of the guidelines issued on this and do your best to follow them.

Personal Safety Students:

Please ensure that you take great care of your iPad so that it does not get lost or stolen. Keep your iPad in your bag when walking to and from school. Follow the usual advice about keeping safe. iPads can be remotely switched off and can be tracked, for your safety and if misplaced, lost or stolen.

e-Safety

Many of the e-safety issues that apply to the use of iPads already exist within school and have been addressed in our e-Safety Policy. All students have acknowledged that they have read the ICT Acceptable Use Policy in September. We shall continue to address this through assemblies and lessons and deal with any incidents that occur in accordance with school policy.

Students:

Please be aware that a member of staff has the right to look at the content stored on your iPad at any time and this will happen as part of random spot checks to ensure that the iPads are being used appropriately.

Privacy

There is a risk that students may be able to pick up an iPad, look at each other's work or access private information.

Please ensure that your iPad is locked with your individualised passcode. Each iPad has the username visible at the bottom of the home page to allow the iPad to be returned to you if lost.

Any attempt to look at a fellow student or teacher's iPad, without permission, will be dealt with very seriously and in line with the current school behaviour policy.

Using the Camera (stills and video)

Students must not use the iPad as a camera or for videoing in lessons or around school in any capacity without the teacher's permission.

Footage taken for school purposes should not be shared online or in any capacity.

Appropriate use in School

In lessons

Some teachers will use iPads in lessons more than others. This is likely to vary widely throughout the year as some lessons/topics may be more suited to the use of this technology compared to others.

Students:

Use of the iPad in school is always at the teacher's discretion. Although the iPad should be out on your desk under your pencil case, it should only be used when instructed by the teacher. In some instances, where it is not appropriate for the device to be out, you will be asked to put the iPad away in your bag. If the teacher feels that you have not been using the iPad responsibly, they will issue a suitable sanction.

Break/Lunchtimes

We want to encourage students to work collaboratively with their iPad in their own time, however, we feel strongly that it is essential that students spend time away from the device and take a break from these during break and lunchtime.

Students:

It is only acceptable to use the iPad during break and lunch in relation to work and not for game playing or social use.

Being Prepared

Students:

The iPad must be brought into school every single day and be fully charged. Failure to do so will result in incidents being issued.

Loss or damage to iPads

The iPad must remain in the school case at all times. The school will work with parents and students to minimise incidents of loss or damage to iPads. The economic sustainability of the iPads for Learning scheme is dependent on us doing this effectively. It is essential that students treat all iPads with care so that financial loss is limited.

If a school iPad is damaged and requires repair, it should be returned to IT support. It is important that this is done as quickly as possible after the breakage occurs to prevent further damage to the iPad. We will allocate a temporary iPad and will ensure the device is repaired quickly and returned to the student. If the IT support team determine that the damage is so extensive that economic repair is not possible and that the damage was accidental, the student will be issued with a replacement device. The school will cover the cost of the first and second accidental breakages at a reduced rate, which is reviewed annually over the summer holidays. Any deliberate damage or further breakages beyond this will be charged at the **full repair cost**.

It is important that we can be clear how damage has occurred. In these instances, the student must report damage at the earliest opportunity. If it is during the school day and the damage occurs during a lesson the student must report the issue to their class teacher.

Cosmetic wear and tear, such as scratches and minor damage to the iPad, will not be repaired providing that the function of the iPad is not significantly affected.

If an iPad is lost or stolen, please contact the school as soon as possible by email or in writing giving details of the incident. Any theft should be reported to the police and a crime reference number obtained. In the event of a theft the device can be tracked and rendered inoperable remotely. The school will communicate with the parents or carer about an appropriate replacement device.

Faulty iPads

If an iPad develops a fault it should be brought to IT Support without delay. If a quick solution can be found the IT support team will make every effort to return the device to the student as quickly as possible.

Taking Ownership

iPads will remain the property of PHGS until the end of the loan period. Should you wish to take ownership of the iPad at the end of this time, we can offer you the opportunity to do so by making a payment to the school reflecting the market value of the iPad at that time. If a student leaves the school before the loan period has ended it may still be possible to take ownership of the iPad at the market value, which will reflect the age of the device at that point in time.

Any outstanding repair charges must be settled before being able to take ownership of the device and, if refreshing, before the new device will be issued. Once you have taken ownership of the iPad the school will no longer be responsible for the repair or maintenance of the device.

Returning the iPad

If you do not wish to purchase the device at the end of the loan period or your child leaves the school before the end of the loan period, the iPad must be wiped/reset and returned to the school with its case and additional accessories and any outstanding repairs charges must be settled.

Using your own iPad in school

Those families who have decided to use their own iPads in school are subject to the same user agreements and monitoring. However, the school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage of personal devices and parents should make their own arrangements if they wish their own iPad to be insured.

Apps

The school will decide on the package of applications that they think will be of most benefit to students.

Student behaviour guidelines for iPads

Students are responsible for good behaviour when using iPads as they are in all other aspects of school life. Although the general school rules apply we have included some further guidance about appropriate behaviour and sanctions relating to iPads below:

- Any student using the device to negatively affect the smooth running of the school community will receive **at least some time in reflection and could risk suspension if of a serious nature.**
- Any student found to be uploading content to the internet inappropriately will be **suspended.**
- Any student taking pictures / recordings or found with inappropriate school-based content on their device will serve time in **reflection**
- Games should never be played in school. Any student playing games will be **put into reflection**

- Students using the device in any way other than that intended by the class teacher will receive a **detention**.
- Students must know their password and be able to access Arbor. Any student who cannot access Arbor is not able to learn properly and should be issued a yellow incident.
- Any student found using a VPN application other than the school-approved VPN will be placed in **reflection**.
- Any student communicating with other students or adults including their parents or carers inappropriately during the school day will receive at least time in reflection, depending on the nature of the communication.
- All sanctions apply at all times in school. This includes break, lunch and after school in the library.

iPads are provided for students to conduct learning activities that may include research, production of content and educational communication with others. Remember that access to devices and the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and that access must be pursued with a level of responsibility.

Staff may review files and communications to ensure that students are using the system responsibly. Students should not expect that stored files would always be private.

At present, we block all websites deemed unsuitable for educational use to ensure that student safeguarding remains our highest priority. If you choose to opt out of the school's filtering system outside school hours (between 3:30pm and 8:30am), responsibility for ensuring appropriate filtering and monitoring on any school device will rest entirely with parents/carers.

All parents/carers will be given the option to opt out. Please refer to the communications on our website regarding the school's internet filtering system for further information.

Please also note that, outside of school, filtering is limited to browser content only, and applications may not be filtered when devices are used off-site.

In some circumstances there may be temporary or permanent ban on Internet use or use of school ICT equipment in general. Where applicable, police or local authorities may be involved if serious enough. We have a duty of care to keep young people safe, and this includes online safety. We take this responsibility seriously and will continue to act within the best interests of students and families in reducing inappropriate online activity.