

Digital Devices for Learning

How will devices be charged?

Devices should be charged only with the charging cables provided with the device. Devices should come to school every day fully charged and ready for use in their protective case or sleeve. Building this positive habit at home will be beneficial to your child's learning in the longer term. Devices kept in school will be charged in school.

Will my child receive support to use the device?

Young people will be given the necessary support required during school to connect to the internet and to access cloud-based storage and learning platforms. This forms part of Midlothian Council's Digital Literacy curriculum. Internet safety is included as part of this curriculum.

What happens if the device stops working?

While it is expected that young people will take appropriate measures to ensure that the device avoids damage, sometimes accidents happen. Midlothian Council's Digital Inclusion & Learning Team support schools with the maintenance and effective use of devices. Young people should not attempt to fix the device if it is not working and under no circumstances should you or your child remove screws or attempt to take the device apart. Instead, you should report the problem directly to your child's school so the appropriate support can be sought. Where a device has been damaged, lost or stolen, Midlothian Council is not obliged to provide a replacement device. Where there is evidence of willful damage to the device or negligence in caring for the device, the school will work with the young person and parent/carers in line with the schools' approach to promoting positive behaviour and inclusion.

What will my child use the device for?

Devices are being provided to support your child's learning. Teachers will use digital resources to deliver the curriculum and make learning accessible using a range of platforms. Additionally, your child may be required to access the internet to research information or use an application to showcase their knowledge in a creative way. Midlothian Council also provide a range of additional learning tools which require parent/carer consent. A list of these tools is included in the Education Service's Privacy Notice, available on Midlothian Council's website.

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As part of Midlothian Council's Equipped for Learning project, a digital device for learning is being provided to every child of school age. This is to ensure that all young people have access to the technology they need for learning, both at school and at home. This document provides information about the project in the format of frequently asked questions. You can find more information on our website: <http://efl.midlothian.education>.

A Parent/Carer agreement is included with this information. Your acknowledgement of this agreement is required prior to your child being provided with a device.

What type of device will my child receive?

Midlothian Council provides iPad and Chromebook devices. Generally, iPads are supplied to pupils in P1 and P2. Chromebooks are supplied from P3 onwards. Your child's teacher can confirm which type of device your child has been allocated. iPad devices will be supplied in a protective case and Chromebook devices will be supplied in a protective sleeve.

How long will my child have access to a device?

Midlothian Council's commitment is that every young person will have access to a device for learning until they leave formal education. We may swap your child's device over time to provide a more up-to-date model.

Can devices be taken home?

Yes, the devices being provided aim to support young people with learning both in school and at home. However, this is at the sole discretion of your child's Headteacher. Some schools may decide that devices stay in school for a period of time to allow young people to be taught how to use the devices and look after them responsibly. For young children, schools are also asked to consider carefully the reason the device is being sent home (e.g., for a specific homework task) to avoid unnecessary carrying back and forward of devices.

Parent/Carer Information Leaflet



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Are there restrictions on the use of the device?

The use of digital devices in school is at the discretion of school staff. All young people must use their devices as directed by their teacher. The use of digital devices at home should be primarily for educational purposes. Digital devices should stay within the United Kingdom, unless permission is sought to support learning in specific circumstances. A device management system tracks devices, identifies date and time of use, provides software updates and can be used to disable the device if it is lost or stolen.

How is my child's safety and security protected when using the device?

All activity on the device, both in school and from any other location, is logged and catalogued by education-specific safeguarding tools. This system is monitored by Midlothian Council and by senior school staff with responsibility for child protection. This data is treated as confidential and is managed by Midlothian Council in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR') and in line with Midlothian Council's [Privacy Policy](#), available on the council website. Midlothian Council does not use the device camera to capture images of your child. Safeguarding reports (accessible only to trained staff) may include an image of the windows visible on the device screen. Any child protection concerns identified by Midlothian staff will immediately trigger a school's Child Protection and Safeguarding policy, in the same way as any other safeguarding concern.

What happens if my child accesses inappropriate content?

In the majority of cases, this content will be blocked and recorded by internet filtering and safeguarding tools. However, no guarantee can be given that any system will block all inappropriate content on the internet. Where a young person comes across inappropriate online content that is distressing or illegal this should be immediately reported to the child's school. More information about supporting your child with their device is available at <http://efl.midlothian.education>.

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What happens if my child does not use their personal device appropriately?

Where a young person is in persistent or serious breach of the appropriate use of the device, it will be recalled by the school. If any activity is unlawful, this will be reported to the Police. Learners should be respectful and considerate in all forms of communication when using a school device. All children and young people are encouraged to follow the pupil pledges, produced in consultation with pupils.



I'm Oakley. I help P1 and P2 be safe with iPad.



P1 and P2 Pupil Pledge:

Hold your iPad safely

Don't put it near water

Always tell a grown up if you have a worry

Use your passcode to keep your iPad safe

P3-S6 Pupil Pledge



Keep your device HEALTHY:



Transport the device safely and sensibly to school each day

Take responsibility for charging your device in school or at home so you can use it for learning
Keep the device away from water bottles and fluids at all times

Personalise your device using the settings and display options, not with stickers or labels
Shutdown and power on the device properly so it can reset and receive software updates

Keep yourself and your device SAFE:



Be kind. Treat other people online the way you want to be treated.

Ask for help. Talk to an adult if anything is worrying you online.

Stick to the rules. Don't try to get around internet blocks or other security measures.

Be safe. Use passwords to protect your information and think before you sign in.

Be sensible. Your school can check what you are doing on your device so stay on task!

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