

TORMEAD

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Dear Parents

We are excited to announce a new iPad initiative at Tormead.

The Plan

Starting in September 2021, we are standardising equipment across the school to provide a more efficient, streamlined, and consistent experience to all of our pupils. To facilitate this, we have worked closely with our preferred partner to offer the best deal we can on the perfect educational device for your daughter.

iPads for new pupils from September will now need to be purchased through the school, with the cost added to your Autumn Term invoice. This is to ensure a uniform experience for all pupils, and to take advantage of various economies of scale. The selected iPad package (tablet, keyboard case, pencil and insurance) is £481.76 (inc. VAT) at the time of writing. In addition, pupils from Year 7-11 will require a writing implement of your choice, ranging from £24.18 to £84.00 at the time of writing.

The Reason

Using the new system, we will be able to assist with repairs, troubleshoot problems more rapidly, and provide services more effectively; all provisioned without increasing the size of our IT Department.

iPads purchased through the school will all be supplied with the same high-quality keyboard, protective case, and accidental damage cover. We would like to assure you that we have sought the best price and the school does not profit from these sales in any way.

The Details

iPads will be setup in supervised mode to allow teachers to effectively monitor and manage iPads in class. Apps available on the iPads will be limited to educational apps from the school app catalogue, as the Apple App Store will not be accessible. This provides us with another way in which we can enable a safer, more positive learning environment for your daughter, free from interruptions.

The provisioned accidental damage cover is best-in-class. The device will be covered for three years, there is no excess to pay, nor is there any limit to the number of claims. This stands in contrast to Apple's AppleCare+ package which does have an excess charge, limits you to two claims, and only covers the device for two years. We have not chosen to cover lost devices, only damaged devices, as the cost increase would have been significant.

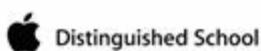
Senior School

A writing device, such as an Apple Pencil or Logitech Crayon, will be mandatory. These give a great deal of flexibility to the way in which tasks can be approached on an iPad.

If you own an existing Apple Pencil, Logitech Crayon, or similar iPad writing implement, your daughter is free to use this with her new school iPad. A variety of writing devices will also be offered for purchase along with your daughter's new iPad. Please note, the writing device will not be covered for any accidental damage.

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Prep School

Writing devices, such as an Apple Pencil or Logitech Crayon, are not mandatory in the Prep School. However, pupils may bring one to school if they wish. You may provide your daughter with your own or choose from the range we have available to purchase.

Please do contact me on rdhansay@tormeadschool.org.uk if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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