

# Helpful information for our parents and students



## What is Learning Futures?

Learning Futures is a scheme where every pupil, teacher and support staff member in every ATLP school will receive an iPad. This will enhance our existing curriculum and support with learning. This is an iPad that you are responsible for, to use in your lessons and at home for home learning. The iPad gives you the chance to access the ATLP curriculum and make sure we can give you the best teaching and learning to support you to reach your potential.



## How will Learning Futures enhance teaching and learning?

First, we want to make sure every pupil receives the same opportunities, and we want to address any inequalities. Learning Futures will mean that everyone has access to learning. Whether at school or at home, our young people will be able to learn, study or research online. The iPads will enhance everyone's learning.

We want to deliver the ATLP curriculum, and the best teaching and learning, into the hands of every pupil, at home and at school. The iPad will also come with access to powerful educational applications, or apps, that pupils will be able to use to take their learning further.

In addition, we know that learning doesn't just take place in the classroom, but at home, and that our young people's families play the most important role of all in supporting their children with their education. Learning Futures will bring some of the resources of the classroom into our pupils' homes, providing a tool for parents and children to use together to drive our pupils' progress.

Finally, Learning Futures prepares our young people for their next steps. Using this powerful tool each day will give them a greater understanding of e-safety, and provide them with the opportunity to engage with technology throughout their school career. Learning Futures provides a firm foundation towards further education, or aspirational, fulfilling and prosperous careers.





## Will exercise books still be used?

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Yes. Deliberate practice and the use of pen and paper are just as important as they have always been. The iPad can be used to record learning, but also as a resource bank. The majority of learning will still take place in exercise books.

## What are apps?

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Apps is just another word for applications. Your child will have access to lots of applications. The iPad has a wide range of apps which will support your child's learning.

## Does the iPad come with a case?

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Yes - all of the iPads will come with a case. It is imperative that iPads remain in the case provided at all times.

## Which model of iPad will be provided?

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We will provide a standard iPad to everyone being issued with a device. The current standard iPad is the 'iPad' 10.2" 9th Generation, Wifi, 256GB.

The iPad includes some amazing 'Accessibility' features to support people with particular needs. One of the key principles of Learning Futures is equality. ATLP believe that these features make the standard model iPad suitable for all students including those with specific accessibility requirements.

## How can the school afford iPads?

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Learning Futures is a big investment in support of the young people in our care. It is primarily being financed by using the money that we invest each year into IT equipment across our academies. We have also identified budget savings, such as a decrease in printing, that will allow for further investment into Learning Futures.

## What precautions should I take when charging the iPad?

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As with any electrical device, it is important to follow the safety instructions from the manufacturer.

You can read safety information for the iPad from Apple [here](#). Within the guidance you will see advice on:

- **Handling** – If the device, its battery or the screen is damaged, stop using the device immediately and return it to the IT Team for repair
- **Battery** – Do not attempt to replace the iPad battery yourself. Please return it to the IT Team for them to replace the battery if necessary.
- **Charging** – Ensure that you use the provided charger for charging the iPad. Using other chargers, a damaged charger, or a charger when wet, can cause injury, fire, or damage. Keep the iPad and its power adapted in a well-ventilated area when in use or charging, and beware the device becoming hot.



## When does the iPad need to be returned?

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At the end of your child's time with ATLP, be that in Year 6, Year 11 or Year 13 or whenever they leave during a year, they are required to return the iPad in a good condition.

## What are my responsibilities as a parent/carer or student?

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Please see the [Device Loan Agreement](#) for more information.

## What if there is no internet access in my household?

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All learning resources can be downloaded to be made available without internet access. They can be completed at home and uploaded at school once the device is connected to the internet.

## What should we do if an iPad is damaged, lost or stolen?

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If anyone's iPad is damaged, then it is important that it is repaired. These repairs must be undertaken by the ATLP IT Team and must not be attempted by the user or arranged through a third party repair service. If your child's iPad is damaged, then please let the school office know, via email, as soon as possible and a repair will be arranged.

If your child loses their iPad then you are requested to contact the school office. The team will place the device in 'Lost or Stolen' mode.

When this mode is activated, the iPad will be locked which will prevent it from being used. The iPad will also beep, continuously, showing its location. When lost or stolen mode is activated then the last known location of the device becomes available to the IT Team. This location will continue to update if the iPad is moved. This will help us to find your child's iPad.

If the iPad is stolen when away from the school, then you are asked to report the theft to the Police and provide the crime number to the school. The IT Service Desk will provide location information, obtained from the use of lost or stolen mode to the Police and provide a new device to the child.

iPads that are repeatedly damaged or lost due to negligence or lack of care could potentially result in the school asking for a contribution towards the repair.

## Can you access social media on the iPad?

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The iPad is a learning device meaning social media websites will not be permitted for use, at home or at school. iPads are monitored at all times meaning that if this rule is broken, a consequence will be given. For more guidance and support, access the website below:

[Read more](#)



## Can you record photos & videos?

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The iPad has the capability of taking photographs and filming. They may only film other people once receiving permission, and ensuring that photographs and recordings are appropriate.

## Is there any online support?

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The IT Service Desk will provide support to users between 8:00am and 4pm. The service desk can be contacted by email on [TechSupport@ATLP.org.uk](mailto:TechSupport@ATLP.org.uk)



## What happens if my child forgets to take their iPad into class?

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It is really important that every child remembers to bring their iPads into the school every day and that it is charged and ready for use. Persistent failure to do this means that your child has not prepared for learning and may result in sanction.

If they forget their iPad, they will not be provided with a loan device for use for the day. They will be provided with suitable materials to write and record the work by other means. Teachers will record the fact that they did not have their iPad with them.

## Can staff monitor what students are doing on their iPad?

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Staff iPads have an app called Apple Classroom. This allows teachers to monitor groups of students in their class, enabling them to see every student iPad in the group in real time and see what is on their screen.

Apple Classroom allows staff to control the student iPads including locking the screen, only allowing certain apps or forcing all the iPads to a particular app or webpage.

The ATLP IT Team will monitor the use of the Learning Futures iPad in order to protect users from access to harmful and inappropriate material and to be able to effectively manage and support the use of the devices.



## What should I do if I'm worried about how long my child spends on their iPad?

We know that parents and carers are responsible for the well-being of their child and need to make sure that the children are getting a balanced diet of time with technology and time away from it.

Access to the iPads will be used to enhance learning and teaching experiences during school day.

This does not mean they will spend every lesson on an iPad. They will have access to an exciting range of tools and resources that have not been possible in the past.

We want every student to be able to continue to learn when away from the academy and expect parents and carers to understand that some of this learning will mean they have to use their iPad. That said, if you feel they are missing out on other activities then you should encourage them to put their iPad away.

## What additional safety advice do you have for transporting the iPad to and from school?

Advice for parents/carers. The key thing to remember is that in the unlikely event that someone your child does not know asks them for their iPad, they are to give it to them immediately. If an iPad is lost or stolen, it will not work for anyone else. We can lock any iPad that is reported missing, and we will then track its location and pass this information to the police.

### Advice for primary students

Always keep your iPad in its specially made case. This will keep it safe if it's accidentally dropped, and it will protect the screen from anything else in your bag. When you are travelling between school and home, keep your iPad in your bag, out of sight. This will help make sure that your iPad does not get damaged or lost. You should only use your iPad outside when your teacher asks you to. Only use your iPad where you can hold it carefully. Accidents are more likely to happen if you're moving around or when you're on the bus or train. Wait until you get home or to school before you use it.

### Advice for older students

Always keep your iPad in its specially made case. This will keep it safe if it's accidentally dropped, and it will protect the screen from anything else in your bag. Please ensure that when you are on the move you keep your iPad in your bag. Expert advice on how to stay safe when travelling to and from school is to keep your mobile phone and other valuables out of sight.

