



# iSJHS

EMBRACING DIGITAL LEARNING



St Joseph's RC High School  
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# St Joseph's RC High School iLearning Vision

*“Children and young people need to learn how to be more than consumers of technology. They need to develop the knowledge and skills required to use that technology creatively, as learners and future members of a technologically competent workforce”*

**“Successful Futures” written by Professor Donaldson, Welsh Government**



The Donaldson Review recommends that learners develop high levels of expertise in literacy, numeracy and digital competence. The Digital Competency Framework is part of the curriculum at St Joseph's, we believe in using technology to develop digital skills as well as providing pupils with a blended learning environment.

We recognise that the teaching and learning landscape across the world is changing. As technology develops and the power of mobile technology, in particular, is being adopted more and more, pupils are embracing this to support their progress. Mobile technology has brought about ways of learning that have completely transformed how we can use technology in the classroom. Having listened to many of our pupils describing their experiences at home, the vast majority of them are sharing, joining, blogging, participating, reviewing, filing, photographing, listening, commenting and observing in more amazing ways than ever before. Many children now grow up with smartphones and tablet computers at home, and as soon as

they can reach out for them, they begin to learn and play.

The school is embracing mobile technology. Following an iSJHS iPad trial, we have launched the iPad project to all pupils in Years 7 to 13. It is important that parents and carers understand the rationale behind the school's decisions to undertake a scheme of this nature.

We have made the decision to select the Apple iPad because we believe this offers the greatest educational resources and the best e-safety and security package. Apple have also supported the school and is committed to offering educational support packages at all stages of education.

Teachers are continuing to receive training in the use of iPads in the classroom to enhance delivery, for example, instant connection to the projector and screen, recording pieces of work or facilitating collaboration between different groups of pupils. Teachers have already seen the enormous potential for teaching, learning and assessment.

# Blended Learning

The expectation for staff is not to deliver lessons through or via the iPad but to offer pupils choices in the tools they use for their learning. Learning tasks undertaken will allow choice and not disadvantage those without an iPad. Pupils involved in the initial trials have showed that when given a task to complete they sometimes choose a text book or exercise book over the iPad. It is one tool of many.

From January 2015 not only have pupils been able to use iPads bought and distributed through school, but they have also been allowed to use any devices they already own. These devices however have to be subject to an Acceptable Use Policy being signed and proof of insurance.

At St Joseph's RC High School we believe that from the start the availability of mobile technology for pupils and families will enhance the learning experience, both at school and at home. We value any feedback from parents or carers about this new 21st Century learning journey and this will influence how the project develops and progresses over the coming months and years.

We recognise that this is a brave new era of learning. We have spent a great deal of time researching. We do believe the community will benefit from this scheme and the experience of the pupils at St Joseph's RC High school will prepare them in a positive way for the future.

## iPad ordering process

To access the ordering portal/website [www.cpu.co.uk/mobile learning](http://www.cpu.co.uk/mobile-learning)

- Select "parental portal"
- Select portal code and enter one of the following options:

Or use the direct access gateway by visiting [www.cpu.co.uk/mobile learning/sjrc](http://www.cpu.co.uk/mobile-learning/sjrc)

**Option 1:** Enter code SJRC2017SP (to settle with a one-off payment including cover for 24 months by debit or credit card).

**Option 2:** Enter code SJRC2017SP (to settle with a one-off payment including cover for 36 months by debit or credit card).

**Option 3:** Enter code SJRC2017M24 (to pay by direct debit over 24 months).

**Option 4:** Enter code SJRC2017M36 (to pay by direct debit over 36 months).

- Select your chosen iPad and colour

Complete all sections – a tick will appear when each section is complete. When all sections completed you will be asked to place the order. One off payments can be made using your debit or credit card. If you wish to opt to pay monthly by direct debit x36 months, you will be required to submit your bank details. There is no charge attached to those entitled to free school meals as the cost is met from a Welsh Assembly Government Grant. If you experience any problems/have difficulties processing your order, please ring the school (01633) 653113 between 9am and 4pm and staff will be happy to assist.

# Costing Options

## All options include:

- iPad Air • Warranty • High quality protective case,
- Accidental theft & damage insurance • App contribution (see footnote)

Cost Breakdown			
iPad Model	iPad 32GB	iPad 128GB	Access Code
<b>Option 1</b> Single payment 24 months cover	£360.90	£447.43	<b>SJRC2017MSP</b>
<b>Option 2</b> Single payment 36 months cover	£402.38	£503.97	<b>SJRC2017MSP</b>
<b>Option 3</b> 24 monthly payments	£19.83	£25.20	<b>SJRC2017M24</b>
<b>Option 4</b> 36 monthly payments	£14.73	£18.25	<b>SJRC2017M36</b>
<i>Merchant fees will also apply where an order is to be paid for using debit card (£0.90) or credit card (3% total transaction cost).</i>			

App Contribution: St Joseph's RC High School have signed up to Apple's Volume Purchase Programme (VPP). This allows Educational Institutions to purchase apps and textbooks at a 50% discount. Once signed up to the scheme, you will be given access to the required educational resources. This cost has been built into the above bundles.

Mobile Learning Scheme & Insurance Claims: Our Mobile Learning Scheme includes insurance, the insurance covers accidental damage and theft. The policy covers the cost of the repair or replacement product, however it does not cover any VAT on any such claims. The owner is liable for the VAT and the excess as stipulated in the policy. Our standard Mobile Learning Scheme is finance backed, this means the owner of the goods during the finance term is the finance company. We therefore recover the VAT due on any such repairs from the finance company and the excess directly from the parent if applicable.

If a parents chooses to purchase the goods outright, they are deemed to be the owner and will be liable for the VAT on any insurance claims made against the policy.

Please note that the portal will open on **29 June 2017** for orders to be placed and will remain open for a 2 week period. This will be the last opportunity to order this term. The portal will not open again until sometime in early 2019.

# Terms and Conditions

After placing your order you will see the Terms and Conditions. In these it states that you will be expected to return the device to the school office at the end of the scheme, or when your child ceases to be a pupil at the school. The terms of the operating lease means that until the 36 monthly payments have been completed (if you have not opted to make a one-off payment and instead have opted to spread your payment) you do not own the device. However, once all payments are made, the device does not have to be returned to the school and is owned by you. However, should your child leave the school before the scheme is completed, the balance of payments remaining must be paid to the school so the device can remain in the care of the pupil.

The prices all include a 3 year Apple Care warranty, £36 of apps (which increases by approximately 100% due to the volume we will be purchasing), a high quality protective case and comprehensive insurance. A link to the insurance policy will be posted on the school website shortly.

The ordering portal will be open from Friday 16th September 2016 until Friday 30th September 2016 and we anticipate issuing the pupils with their iPads week commencing 17th October 2016. There will be further opportunities in the new year if you wish to order a device.

If you decide to order an iPad through school we will help the pupils to set up their iPads. However, to do this, pupils must have an iTunes account to obtain an Apple ID. Please ensure that your child has an Apple ID prior to them receiving their iPad. If you need assistance setting this up, please contact the school and we will assist you.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q - Why Apple?

A - Apple are able to offer / deliver an entire eco-system to support the use of iPads and the needs of today's teachers and learners. Although Apple build highly attractive hardware products, they are primarily a software company. Their software products are both intuitive and secure, viruses are negligible and all apps are verified by Apple before being released on the App Store. This ensures your devices are not at threat from viruses or rendered unusable by poor coding.

## Q - Which iPad model should we buy?

A – The iPad Air2 32GB will meet pupils' needs in most cases. If your budget allows it, the iPad Air2 128GB delivers greater space for pupils to have a good collection of apps and media on their device.

## Q - What if someone tries to steal my child's iPad?

A – In discussions we have had with schools operating similar schemes, the number of thefts has been minimal and not a significant issue for the schools concerned. So long as you have a crime reference number and record details as instructed by the school, the iPad will be replaced as part of the insurance scheme.

## Q - What is covered in the insurance?

A - The insurance provided covers you against Accidental Damage, Fire, Flood and Theft. The only time the insurance would not cover you would be if the iPad was left unattended or stolen from a room with no signs of forced entry.

When making a claim, please ensure you explain exactly what happened on the claim form. This form will be processed by the insurance company and verified by the school. Collection and returns of repairs to and from the school is covered under the insurance.

## Q - Why an iPad?

A - An iPad is a neat tablet computer with an operating system (iOS) that is focused on usability. It is quick, effective and intuitive, making the device very productive in a range of teaching and learning contexts.

Apple have been heavily involved in education for over 28 years. They have developed robust, safe apps that are specifically education focused and can be used to expand how rich, deep and extensive learning can be.

Apple have also developed a content delivery system specifically for education – iTunesU. It allows pupils to download course notes, course material and record digitally, as well as annotate materials and textbooks purchased



via Apple iTunes whilst also creating interactive books.

Learning at St Joseph's will not be directed by the iPad. Any technology that is used in the classroom will always be directly linked to the benefits that it will bring our pupils. Therefore, an iPad will be used as one of many tools to enhance learning.

There are many other devices that can be used to enhance learning and pupils wishing to bring their own to school will be supported. However, having spent over a year researching, trialling and testing the use of the iPad, we believe it is the best tool to support pupils and staff in teaching and learning.

#### **Q - What will the iPads be used for?**

A - The iPad will be used to enhance learning and not dictate it. It will allow pupils to consume and customise key learning materials that will be of significant benefit to today's learners. Not every lesson will warrant the use of an iPad. However, we see the iPad as being a natural part of our pupils' learning toolkit for use in school and at home. They can choose to use the iPad to achieve a particular learning outcome within a particular lesson.

Course materials will be delivered using a part of Apple's eco-system known as iTunes U. Pupils can choose to use the iPad when directed by a teacher, course

materials can be accessed outside the classroom where pupils can download apps and materials made available to them.

The scheme is voluntary, but we very much hope that parents and carers will support the school and buy into it. We are excited as a school community in the benefits it offers and believe it will make a difference to pupil outcomes moving forward.

#### **Q - Can I bring my own device to school?**

A - If your child already uses an iPad or another device, they are more than welcome to bring it to school. Any pupils wishing to bring their own devices will simply need to make us aware of this, as we have a system which allows pupils to enrol their devices onto the school network. We can discuss this in more detail with you and your child moving forward.

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## **Q - I can purchase the same bundle on the high street / online. Why should I purchase an iPad via the St Joseph's RC High School scheme?**

A – Of course any parent has the right to purchase an iPad independently of the school. However, we believe our bundle is more cost effective than simply purchasing the iPad and case on the high street/online. The main advantage is that the school qualify for education pricing on the iPad. There are also other benefits to purchasing via the school. The key advantages are:

- Pricing specific to educational institutions which is not available on the high street/online
- No VAT payable regardless of what model you choose
- 50% discount for paid apps via the school. Apple offer a 50% discount to educational institutions on resources such as books and apps. St Joseph's RC High offer these resources to pupils to download throughout the duration of the scheme
- Competitive insurance scheme with no excess on first claims and a £50 excess on second or subsequent claims
- Extended warranty - Year one manufacturer's warranty, years two and three covered by extended warranty scheme

- Protective case - normally worth £50 included as part of the scheme which has been approved by the insurance company as a protective case
- Collection and return of all insurance and warranty repairs to and from school during the life of the scheme

## **Q - If I am paying monthly, what happens at the end of the payment term of 36 payments?**

A - You will own the iPad along with the case. There are no additional fees to pay. Those that pay the one-off fee and do not opt for monthly payments, will take ownership of the iPad immediately.

## **Q - I've never used an iPad or iPhone before, how can I ensure my child won't access any inappropriate material?**

A - Our technology partner in the scheme Western Computers will run information evenings for parents to explain how best to tackle these issues using e-safety browsers, how to set up parental controls and stop your children from purchasing or viewing inappropriate material. We will liaise with Western Computers to agree a series of dates / evenings throughout the academic year.

**Q – What if I am on benefits and my child receives Free School Meals, so am unable to purchase one or commit to future repayments?**

A - Pupils, who have formally been approved by the Local Authority and are on the School's Free School Meal list, will receive an iPad free of charge. If your child is entitled to free school meals but you have not as yet applied / re-applied for the current academic year, forms can be obtained by calling Newport City Council on (01633) 656656 or the School (01633) 653110 (please ask for Alex Guest). Applications can also be completed on-line via [www.newport.gov.uk](http://www.newport.gov.uk) free school meals and clothing grant application form.

Application forms can also be collected in person from the Information Station in Newport City Centre.

**Q – I am not on benefits but have more than one child in school, will any help be available?**

A – The school recognises the financial challenges to many families. A small amount has been set aside by the school to assist with “hardship” and help those families who have more than two siblings in school i.e. we would look to assist those families with purchasing an iPad for their third and fourth child. The school is unable (due to affordability) to commit to funding beyond this level. If you are a parent with more than two pupils in school and wish to pursue this option, please e-mail [jennifer.harris@newport.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer.harris@newport.gov.uk) outlining relevant details of circumstances. Your application will be considered and an e-mail response sent back to you with 10 days confirming the school's decision.

If you have any other questions that have not been covered above, please e-mail these to [jennifer.harris@newport.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer.harris@newport.gov.uk) and we will respond to your questions.

*“The iPad doesn't do the work for them, it helps them to work it out for themselves”*

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