

Carrick Knowe Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the Empowered Learning Project was rolled out in 2021 and it provides every young person from P6 to S6 with an iPad to support their learning experience.

Now that your child has reached P6, they will be supplied with a brand-new iPad including a case and charger! This iPad will stay with them until the end of S2, at which time it will then be refreshed.

For many years now, iPads have been widely used at CK and they have so many benefits as we look to prepare our children for a world where having strong digital skills is essential. They often enhance and extend learning in ways that we have been unable to in the past. *MANY SCHOOLS have arranged visits to Carrick Knowe to witness the great things we are doing!*

Before the children receive their iPad, all parties involved (the school, learners and parents/carers) must agree to a number of conditions. These conditions cover things such as looking after the iPad, responsible use, damages, and possible sanctions. When the children return, your child's new class teacher will be going through these with them however we hope that you can spend a small amount of time going over these at home too.

Before any iPads can go home, all families must go through the Home-School agreement using the link below and 'Digitally Sign' it.

tinyurl.com/EmpoweredLearningAtCK

The iPads are due to arrive in school within the first 2 weeks back in school.

As soon as they are all set up and everyone has signed the Home-School agreement above, we will then be able to send them home.

I have attached some FAQs on the following page however feel free to contact myself or Mr Harper if you have any other questions. Also, if you or anyone you know, require the agreement above in another language then please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr S Morley
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Frequently Asked Questions (Page 1)

Should children bring iPads to school every day and what if they forget to bring it in?

There is an expectation that children bring their iPad to school fully charged each day (at least 60%) however there may be days where iPads are not used and your child's teacher will let them know in advance to save them bringing them in on those days.

As set out in the agreement, if your child does not bring their iPad in (or they are not charged), they will be required to complete work using an alternative method. We are unable to provide spare ones every time a child forgets to bring them in as all of our other iPads are regularly used by other classes.

When do we give them back?

After children receive their iPads in P6, they will keep the same iPad until the end of S2! We don't collect them in over the Christmas and Easter holidays however have decided to collect them in over the Summer.

Do they need an Apple ID and password?

When setting up their iPads in school, children will be given a 'Managed Apple ID'. This is different to a usual login as it restricts certain features such as purchasing tools and downloading from the 'App Store'. These Apple IDs will have different passwords to their Microsoft 365 accounts but school staff will keep a record of them.

What about passcodes?

Children will be able to choose their own passcodes for their iPad in order to stop any unauthorised use by other children (and siblings!). They can also use the 'Finger ID' function. If they forget their passcode then Mr Morley and Mr Harper are the people who can quickly reset them.

There is no App Store. Does this mean my child can't download any apps?

Children will be able to download specific apps which have been pre-approved by the City of Edinburgh Council. To do this, they will use an app called 'Self Service'. There is currently a list of 100+ apps covering many curricular areas and this list is being added to all the time.

Is there a way to block my child from accessing things they shouldn't or limit screen time?

Yes. As well as restricting apps, each iPad has web-filtering enabled which means that children cannot access inappropriate content/websites both in school **and** at home.

At home, parents may also wish to use the 'Screen Time' option within settings to see which apps children have been using and what websites they have visited. They can also use the 'Downtime' feature to limit the times of day a child can access their iPad. [Further information on this is available by clicking here.](#)



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Will all work be completed on iPads now?

No - let me assure you that children will not be staring at screens all day! What we hope is that by having quick access to devices that we can build a more creative curriculum with a stronger focus on digital skills – key to the workforce of the future.

Something's gone wrong. What do we do!?

Firstly, don't panic. Things go wrong and accidents do happen. In the first instance, your child should take their iPad to their class teacher to see if they can solve the problem. They may then wish to pass this on to one of our 'Tech Team' in the school.

Normally we are able to fix most problems in school however there may be occasions where we have to send the iPad away for repair, in which case we will get in touch with home beforehand.

Depending on circumstances, parents/carers may have to pay a contribution towards any damage to or loss of the iPad. This contribution will be 50% of the cost for the first incident and 100% for any further incidents, up to a maximum of £150.

Pictures...!?

Children love a good selfie...! However the rules on taking photographs in school applies in the same way on their iPads as it would a mobile phone. What we will make clear is that having an iPad full of selfies and photographs which have been taken in school and in the classroom is not acceptable.

Having a selfie with their pet dog and having that as their screensaver is more than okay though!

What happens if my child misuses their iPad?

As set out in the Home-School agreement, **misuse of the iPads will be dealt with on a case-by-basis**. We may decide that an iPad cannot go home or we may decide to remove the iPad completely for a specific number of days.

Children and parents should be aware that taking the iPads off children is not just an idle threat. They have been taken off whole year groups in previous years and we will not hesitate to take iPads off children if they are being used inappropriately – in school or out of school.

Does my child have to take their iPad home?

Most families are happy for children to take their school iPads home - it often encourages children to be responsible to look after it and also allows them to further engage with their learning at home.

There can be occasions where families wish for iPads to stay in school and we will fully support this. If this is the case, please get in touch with your child's class teacher and this can be arranged.