



GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL

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Devices for Learning 2020/21

Dear Parents and Guardians

At Giggleswick, we employ a bring your own device (BYOD) policy for students. This means that we require all students to supply a Device for Learning (DfL) throughout their school career from Reception to Year 13. This device will be used throughout the school day, at the teachers' discretion, during lessons and prep time.

Our aim is to ensure as much device independence as possible. Although this does provide significantly more technical and logistical challenges for the school, it is the best way to future-proof our students and prepare them for the world beyond school. Over the period of their time in the school, we hope that this will also allow you to make the most economical choice of device for your children.

One-to-one devices have proven to be a vital learning tool for students during the Covid-19 pandemic. While learning remotely, students at Giggleswick with devices have been able to engage with the learning experience through connecting with live lessons, creating digital content and collaborating with other students around the world in our global digital school.

For 2020/21, the recommendation for all students in the school will be a Windows based two-in-one device. Those who choose to use devices that are not touch enabled or that do not natively support Office365, Adobe Creative Suite or the specialist software for their chosen subjects may find some functionality limited within lessons. iPads can be useful as secondary devices for senior students, but all students will find iPads limiting when used as the students' only device. It is likely the school will not be providing shared desktop computers in 2020/21 so it is vital that students have a device that is compatible with all software for art, computing design and music lessons.

Any device that can contain a SIM card is classed as a mobile phone and is not acceptable as a device for learning. Students should remember to charge their device in preparation for the beginning of each school day.

eSafety and security

At Giggleswick, we take esafety and security very seriously and we recommend that students make sure their devices are kept up to date with security updates and that they have anti-virus protection on their devices, an obvious requirement in the digital age.

The school has also continued to develop the eSafety and BYOD policies and the IT user agreement. Copies of these updated policies are available on the [school website](#).

Required Technical Specification

Minimum: 10.5" screen, i3 processor (or equivalent), 4GB RAM, 64GB eMMC hard drive

Recommended: Windows based, 13.5" screen, i5 processor, 8GB RAM, 128GB SSD hard drive

Touchscreen + keyboard required

Yours sincerely

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