



## Purchasing a device for your child

When students enter secondary school their attitude to school work shifts, a desire to take ownership of their work forms, and students often need a digital tool for their work.

Ashlyns is working to best prepare students for a modern workplace and is embracing the ideology that technology is a key tool to enhance learning.

### Google, Chrome OS and Chromebooks

Google has spent the last few years designing a unique type of device that provides a smooth transition from the home to the classroom. Chromebooks allow students to have a standardised learning experience and make use of applications chosen by their teachers.



Chrome OS is a Cloud-based system which makes use of tailored tools, such as Google Classroom, to ensure students get the best experience possible.

### What devices would be suitable?

There is a wide range of Chromebook devices available, with many different features, and at a variety of price points.

Due to unprecedented demand, and varying stock levels, we are unable to recommend specific models at the current time. If you are planning to purchase a Chromebook we would recommend that you select one that has been manufactured within the last 12 months and has a minimum 4GB RAM.

### Students in Years 7 to 10 (for the academic year 2022/23)

Students in Years 7 to 10 have the opportunity to access a digital device (Chromebook) in lessons taking place in school.

The benefits of purchasing a device for your child include:

- Access to a great variety of resources in the classroom
- Access to resources to support home-learning
- Creating documents, sheets and slides
- Safe and organised storage
- Opportunities for engaging activities which include collaboration with other students and quizzes
- Home-learning is recorded and accessed in one place, helping students to stay organised
- Facility to track rewards and consequence points
- Access to websites which will support research
- A platform from which to access personalised learning programmes such as books, apps and online resources

Devices will not be used in every lesson; this will depend on whether a relevant learning opportunity exists.

Devices have to be configured for the school's network in order for them to function within school; this will require parents to purchase a management enrolment key and other assorted licences from the school for a one-off fee per device (currently £46.80). Adding your child's device to our management system will allow the school to install the necessary programs for students' learning and will also assist you in keeping your child safe at home, whilst online.

We strongly recommend that you arrange suitable insurance/accidental damage cover for the device and this may be covered under your home contents policy. School insurance will not cover student-owned devices. A sturdy case to transport the device to and from school is also useful.

Devices can also be used at home to enhance students' learning experience, for home-learning and during periods of lockdown. We recommend that you set the security setting on your wi-fi accordingly.

For parents/carers who cannot afford to purchase a Chromebook, the school has a limited number of devices which can be borrowed to use in lesson time at school. These devices are kept in the school and given out when required. Students may not take borrowed devices home.

Students who qualify for the Pupil Premium Grant will be loaned a device which they can take home. For more information, please email the school: [admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

**Only Chromebooks can be used in school; other devices, such as a Windows laptop or Macbook are not compatible with our scheme and cannot be managed by the school.**