

# iPad Frequently Asked Questions

If you have any further questions, please contact the Academy or email [finance@skinnerskentacademy.org.uk](mailto:finance@skinnerskentacademy.org.uk).

## **Why choose the iPad and not a cheaper device?**

*The sheer volume of iPads bought by education in UK and US schools hints at their popularity: 500,000 in UK schools, with 30% of schools having bought them. 4.5 million iPads have been bought by US schools. Reasons include excellent educational support from Apple; software that allows iPads to be finely controlled by schools, e.g. some teachers can remotely disable the camera for their lesson if they feel it will be a distraction. Schools receive a 50% discount on bulk purchases of apps, which can be deployed remotely without having to collect the iPads in. The AppStore is much more highly regulated than the equivalent for other platforms. Apple has developed a range of innovative software that is set to revolutionise learning e.g. iBooks Author and iTunes U. Apple Distinguished Educators are available to train staff to get the best out of iPads. No other platform offers anything close to this.*

## **We do not have the internet at home, what do we do?**

*The iPad is not intended for sole browsing and internet use. Many of the applications can be used without internet access. However, any information or Independent Learning can be downloaded using the Academy's internet and work can then be completed at home.*

## **What happens if a child leaves the Academy before the end of the scheme?**

*The Parents/Carers can either return the iPad or make a residual payment to keep it, determined by the market value at the time.*

## **How will you ensure responsible use of the iPads?**

*Both you and your child must read and sign the responsible use agreement form (enclosed) and return this when you collect the device. It is important that all students adhere to these rules. When the device is in the Academy, we will manage what applications are on the device and how it is being used. When the device is at home, this is your responsibility.*

## **What if an iPad is damaged, stops working or is stolen?**

*We insist on an approved case being used at all times to minimise the chance of accidental damage. Academy owned iPads are covered against accidental damage, theft and breakdown.*

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**I have more than one child at the Academy, is it possible to pay less and over a longer period so that it is easier to afford?**

*Yes, the donation options are available as detailed in the letter attached.*

**I have more than one child at the Academy, do I need to complete just one donation form?**

*Please complete one donation form and one direct debit mandate per child.*

**My child already has an iPad (or similar device), can they use this instead?**

*No, the iPad we offer comes with 2 years insurance and warranty which is extremely important during school life and ensures its longevity. These devices are also able to connect to our school network and in addition some software will be provided by The Academy. It is important to note that this decision is based on the management of all student iPads from a safeguarding point of view.*

**What about parents who don't want to be part of the programme?**

*You may opt out of the programme if you wish to do so. If this is your decision your child will not be able to take an iPad home, however, they will have access to technology within the Academy.*