

Date: 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Several years ago, we successfully integrated iPads into our curriculum to further enhance teaching and learning at Western Primary School. Since then, their use has transformed our pupils' learning experiences. Curiosity, ambition, and engagement have all increased, and the use of iPads to create exciting learning opportunities means that children are retaining more of what they learn.

In September 2021, we were proud to be recognised as an **Apple Distinguished School**, and in **September 2024** apple asked **Western Primary School** to be an **Apple Regional Training Centre**.

As part of our school vision, we use iPads to facilitate creativity and help children achieve their learning goals. Technology plays a vital role in creating rich, engaging, and memorable experiences that inspire and motivate our learners. Importantly, it also serves as an inclusive tool that supports all children in flourishing and reaching their full potential.

You can view examples of how we use iPads at Western Primary School by visiting:
www.westernps.co.uk > *Apple Distinguished School*

iPads for Year 1 from September 2025

From **September 2025**, your child will join a class where iPad-based learning is already well established. As such, it is expected that **all pupils entering Year 1** will have their own iPad through the school's scheme.

We have seen first-hand how iPads enhance educational outcomes, and we are proud to be one of the national leaders in developing a more technologically driven approach to education. The need for remote learning during school closures highlighted the significant benefits of this approach, enabling teachers to deliver live lessons and maintain engagement from home.

While we hope that one day the government will fund one-to-one devices for all pupils, this is not yet the case—and so we do need your support.

iPad Scheme Details

From **September 2025**, we will introduce a **three-year scheme** for current Reception pupils (Years 1–3). We are asking for a **voluntary donation of £12.50 per month**, which will cover:

- A brand new iPad
- Management software
- Educational apps (e.g., Showbie, TT Rockstars)
- Technical support (on-site and remote)
- Protective case
- Insurance against loss or damage (in line with school policy)

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More details are available at:
www.westernps.co.uk > *iPad 1-2-1 Scheme*

How to Set Up a Direct Debit

We are working with **Digital Poverty Alliance**, a registered educational charity, to administer donations. They will collect your donation, apply for Gift Aid (where applicable), and return the funds to the school via a grant.

Please visit the secure portal to set up your monthly donation:

[Digital Poverty Alliance - Western Primary School - Year 1 September 2025 - 36 Months - Parent Sign Up Form](#)

Important:

- We recommend setting your preferred collection date as **15th September 2025**.
- The first payment will be taken in **September 2025**.

Although direct debit is our preferred method for ease of administration, alternative arrangements can be made if necessary.

If you anticipate financial difficulty, please make a confidential appointment via the school office to speak with a member of staff.

Consent and Use Policy

Information about the iPad scheme and the school's **Acceptable Use Policy** is available on the school website.

Before pupils are allowed to take iPads home, we will require **consent via Arbor**. Further details and instructions will be shared in a follow-up letter in September.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible learning experiences for our children.

With kind regards,



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