Year 1 iPad collection and information

Monday 22nd September, Tuesday 23rd September & Thursday 25th September 2025

Our curriculum intent…

Our curriculum is enriched by our **ambitious use of technology** which promotes **curiosity, creativity and engagement** and helps prepare our children for life and work in an increasingly digital future. Our curriculum at Western enables our pupils to leave primary school, ready for the next stage of their education and with an appreciation and love of learning.

We don't use iPads all day, every day! They add to and supplement our learning rather than becoming our whole focus. iPads are used purposefully to **support** teaching and learning. They are our digital pencil case!

The main apps we will use, how and why…

Self Service

Showbie

Keynote

Camera

Showbie Workshops

- How Showbie works and how we use it at Western in Year 1.

- Where to find subjects, work and support materials e.g. word banks.

- How to access homework menus and how to upload this onto Showbie.

- Setting up parent access using a different device.

Dates for these workshops are:

Monday 1st December 2025, 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Thursday 4th December 2025, 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

E-safety

Our school internet has rigorous systems in place for managing the children's internet use and keeping them safe online. This does not translate at home so it is important that you have your own restrictions in place.

If a device is not connected at home then it is safer but if you connect it to your home WiFi then you need to ensure your own firewalls, and filters are in place. Monitoring of their iPad use is also important. There is further information on our school website: Parental Controls booklet 2022

Our school safety systems involve rigorous monitoring by all staff and training the children in staying safe online and knowing how to respond if they see something that makes them feel uncharitable.
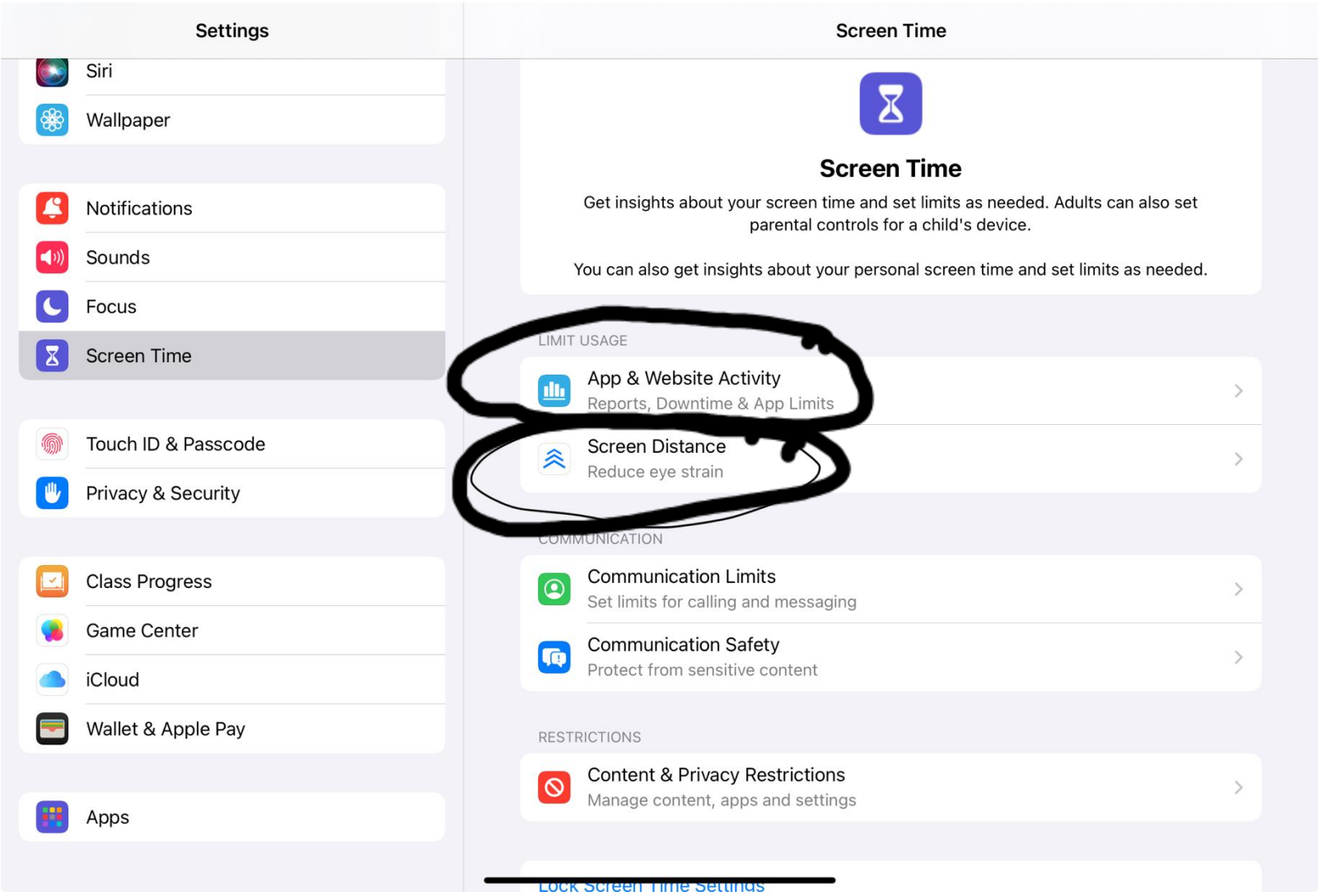
E-safety continued

Every class does a weekly e-safety assembly to be proactive in educating the children on staying safe online. We strive to ensure children know how to use technology safely.

Please check the newsletter and school website for e-safety updates.

Health

Acceptable use policy

All pupils and parents/carers are asked to sign an acceptable use agreement to ensure everyone is clear regarding their responsibilities when it comes to the iPad lease.

Copies of these can be found on our school website:

Adult Agreement

Pupil Agreement

Key takeaways

It is a learning tool first and foremost.

Keep the school iPad safe and well looked after for example ensuring the case is fully functioning to maintain the insurance.

Ensure filtering systems are in place at home.

Please bring the iPad to school everyday and ensure it is fully charged!

Top Tips

Regularly check children's camera roll and delete any images that are not necessary.

Build a routine with charging - we expect iPads to be fully charged each day.

Clear the safari tabs so that the processing isn't slow.

Don't buy headphones or a stylus; school will provide these.

Clear the background apps.

Keep login and passwords safely stored and easy to access. Take a photo on your phone/device!

Check software updates from time to time.

Any questions, comments or suggestions?

If you don't want to ask your question in an open forum, then please catch one of us. We will be around for 10 minutes now, on the door at the start and end of the day or you can email any of us if you have any questions.

If you would like to fill out a questions slip then they are available by the entrance. Just hand them to Miss Wray or Miss Herfield at drop off/pick-up or alternatively drop it at the school office.

Our doors are always open if you need any advice or support with the iPads!

Thank you.