



Rossett School
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iPad Mini FAQ's

Brief summary of the 'One to One' Donation Scheme

This is not a lease or a rental scheme it is a **donation scheme** (which is non-profit). We are asking parents to donate £9 per month for 36 months to our partner charity the e-Learning Foundation.

A £40 deposit is to be paid at the start of the scheme which will be refunded at the end of the 36 months (assuming no loss or damage). The school will also provide a case, insurance cover, iTunes credit, maintenance and software support.

At the end of the scheme you can either return the iPad mini and start again, or pay the market value and keep the device. **Parental contribution is a charitable donation towards the programme, not a payment towards the iPad.**

The amount we are suggesting does not cover the full cost of running the programme; additional money will be provided from school funds and grants that we may win from other sources.

Advantages over the assisted purchase scheme:

- Monthly donations so cost is spread
- Gift Aid claimed and monthly donations ensure that the scheme is open to all and sustainable
- iPad mini is insured for loss or damage with repair undertaken by school
- Case is provided
- iTunes credits included

Why the iPad mini?

We believe that the iPad mini offers the latest technology at an affordable price. It has the added bonus, that although slightly smaller than the standard version, it has a much better camera, is less likely to be damaged and will fit easily into a pocket or bag.

Ownership

The iPad mini will remain the property of Rossett School until the end of the three year period. If you wish to take ownership at the end of this time, then there will be the opportunity to do so by a payment to school which will reflect the market value at that time. We currently estimate this to be £40.

If a student leaves the school before the end of the three years then it will still be possible to take ownership of the iPad mini. The market value will reflect the age of the device at that time.

What will happen about Apps?

The majority of Apps will be downloaded as and when needed and most of the Apps are free. Each iPad will be considered to be for both personal and school use so students will be able to install their own Apps, with the understanding that only school related Apps will be used during lesson time.

Whilst most Apps are free there will be some which will need to be purchased and to cover this cost everyone will be given iTunes education app download codes together with a required list of Apps to download and install. As a result of our bulk purchase we are able to purchase a £20 voucher for only £10. You do, however, have to set up your own iTunes account.

What will happen to Flash based resources currently used?

There are certain apps we have found which enable flash based resources to be displayed. However the number of Flash based resources will diminish over the next few years and in the meantime we will give advice as to the best way to deal with this on a subject by subject basis.

Where will work be saved if no USB access?

We have been using many different ways in school to replace the use of USB's. There are lots of different cloud based storage apps out there such as Dropbox and Evernote we are finding that the advantages of this anywhere, anytime learning are starting to make USB's (which of course regularly get misplaced) redundant.

What happens to student work if the iPad is lost or broken?

As above the work would be in Dropbox or Evernote which are accessible anywhere. In addition the work will be backed up on the school servers

How will students print from iPad mini ?

Whilst there will still be the need to print certain documents, students all have a school email account and any work that is created on the iPad mini can easily be emailed to their teacher. By using email as the main method of handing in work, we will be able to reduce the amount of printing that needs to be done and also reduce the amount of paper that is wasted, something that will be of benefit not just to the school but the environment as well.

What happens if a student does not have Internet access at home?

If a student does not have access to the Internet at home then the iPad mini can still be used but will lose some of its effectiveness. While the student will not be able to access services like email, they would still be able to work on most Apps that are installed on the iPad mini and create new files\content. They will have to save this content on their iPad mini and then back it up once they return to school and are connected to the Internet.

Why am I paying my donation to the e-Learning Foundation?

The e-Learning Foundation is a registered education charity that is collecting monthly parental donations on our behalf to save us administration costs. They will collect your donation every month, apply for tax relief where applicable, and then grant the money back to us to pay the bills.

Can I pay by cash or cheque?

Collecting cash involves a lot more work and administration costs for the school so our overwhelming preference is for you to sign a direct debit. However, if this is not possible then the school will be able to make arrangements to make sure you can contribute in a way that works for you and the school.

What happens if the iPad mini gets damaged or lost or develops a fault?

The school will have a limited pool of iPad minis to lend to students if they temporarily need a replacement device. Where feasible, a damaged or faulty iPad mini will be repaired. Otherwise a replacement iPad mini of a similar age and condition will be provided. In all cases of loss or damage the £40 security deposit will be retained by the school. Families may be asked to pay further sums towards the cost of replacement or repair caused by inappropriate use or lack of care.

iPad minis with faults will normally be repaired free of charge or replaced with a similar device.

Can't I go and buy a cheaper device on the High Street?

Depending on your own personal circumstances regarding risk (damage, theft, failure etc) it is probable you can purchase at a slightly cheaper price. But this isn't just about the device. The e-learning programme we are providing will involve a device that is covered in case of damage or if repairs are needed. It will come with a case and a package of initial Apps. We will provide technical support whilst at school and your child will have access to learning resources on the schools learning environment. Lessons will be planned with the understanding that each student has the same device.