



SAINT AIDAN'S

Church of England High School

8th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware students in school have been using tablets (Apple or Android devices) both in and out of lessons to support their learning. It is now our intention to extend the programme to include Windows tablet devices. Students who already have an Apple or Android device are welcome to continue using these in school, they will remain supported. However, if you are looking to purchase a new device for your child then we strongly recommend a Windows based tablet, options for purchasing one can be found below. We **do not** recommend a 'full-sized' laptop as these are typically much bulkier and more likely to be damaged during the school day.

Option 1:

Family to provide own device – details of suitable devices can be found on the school website.

Option 2:

An Acer branded Windows device which, while not as powerful as option 3, will certainly be adequate for school use. If you would like another device entirely then we recommend sticking as closely to the specifications of this device (or higher) as possible as this is effectively a minimum standard.

Acer TravelMate Spin B3 - £240.00 inc. VAT

11.6" - Celeron N4020 - 4 GB RAM - 64 GB

These devices are available to be purchased through school. Further details can be found on the relevant ParentPay service.

Option 3:

A Microsoft Surface Go including 'Type Cover' (keyboard). All teaching staff in school have been using one of these devices, or something very similar, for the last 24 months. They are a more premium device than option 2 but not required by any means, it is listed here to offer choice.

[Microsoft Surface Go 2](#)

[Artek Microsoft Surface Go 2 Type Cover](#)

If you require any additional information regarding the scheme including how the school might be able to support families in financial difficulties then please feel free to contact me at simon-calvert@st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk. Should you have any technical questions, please contact Tom Entwisle at tom-entwisle@st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

Simon Calvert
Assistant Head

Aspire • Believe • Succeed