



SAINT AIDAN'S

Church of England High School

4th September 2023

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:

A Microsoft Surface Laptop SE. These devices are designed by Microsoft for use in education, with hardware powerful enough to support the use of resources used in school and a battery life to get through a full school day without needing a recharge (up to 16 hours per charge). They are reasonably rugged to ensure they can survive being stored in a school bag throughout the day.

These laptops come pre-installed with Windows 11 SE, a version of Windows customised for education. Windows 11 SE does not allow software to be installed outside of Microsoft's approved list of educational software which is mainly the Office suite, exam software and web browsers. Office comes pre-installed on these devices and all students have a fully licenced Office 365 account.

Microsoft Surface Laptop SE - £200.00 inc. VAT

11.6" - Intel Celeron N4120 - 8 GB RAM - 64 GB eMMC

These devices are available to be purchased through school. Further details can be found on the relevant ParentPay service. Payment in full by Friday 15th September or a £90 deposit by this date followed by further payments to pay off the balance by Thursday 29th February 2024.

Option 2:

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.

[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.

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