



# Student iPad Scheme

## Information Pack

# Enhancing Learning for Every Child

At Eastern Learning Alliance we are committed to providing our students with the best possible tools for their education.

Through our 1:1 iPad scheme our goal is simple: to enhance and elevate what students already do with a pen and paper - not to replace it.

We are not a digital school and our students are not staring at screens all day. Instead, the iPad is treated as a powerful addition to the teaching toolkit, used purposefully to make learning more interactive, collaborative, and tailored to individual needs.

## Why iPads?

Our scheme equips each student with their own dedicated learning companion to bridge the classroom and home.

- **A Balanced Approach:** Core traditional skills like handwriting, sketching, and face-to-face group discussions remain vital. Practice exams, essays, and daily coursework will still be completed by hand in exercise books.
- **Purposeful Tech Use:** During lessons, when iPads are not actively required, they are placed face-down on desks to ensure full attention is on the teacher.
- **Social & Interpersonal Focus:** To encourage vital social skills, physical play, and peer interaction, iPads are strictly banned during break times and lunchtimes.
- **The Best Tool for the Job:** We chose the iPad for its 10-hour battery life, lightweight design, and its vast ecosystem of virus-free, Apple-certified educational applications (including Microsoft Office 365, OneDrive, and OneNote). It allows for rapid, personalised feedback and seamlessly narrows the digital divide so every child has equal opportunity.
- **Voluntary Contribution:** We ask parents for a voluntary donation of **£10** per month for the duration of their child's time at the school.
- **An Investment for the Future:** This scheme provides an incredible opportunity to give your child the best learning device for significantly less than the retail cost of buying and insuring it yourself from a shop.
- **Inclusivity for All:** We understand that some families face financial hardship. If you are genuinely unable to contribute financially, your child will still receive an iPad. However, the scheme can only run if the vast majority of families who are able to donate choose to do so.
- **Note on Personal Devices:** The iPads remain the property of the College/School at all times. Families cannot opt to bring their own retail iPads from home, as personally owned devices cannot connect to our secure network or be supported by our on-site IT team.

## Set up your donation

Please visit [wvc.tela.org.uk/donate](http://wvc.tela.org.uk/donate), select the option 'I'd like to give regularly' and select **£10.00 Monthly**. Thank you for your support.

The screenshot shows a donation setup interface. The first section, 'How often would you like to donate?', has two options: 'Just one donation' (greyed out) and 'I'd like to give regularly' (selected, with a 'Monthly' dropdown). The second section, 'How much would you like to donate?', has two options: '£ 10.00 Monthly' (selected) and 'Custom' (greyed out).

## Unbeatable Value

To make this vision a reality, ELA heavily subsidises the program using our dedicated IT funding. However, to sustain the scheme and ensure every single child has access to a device, we rely on parental contributions to bridge the gap.

## Safety, Filtering & Conduct

We take digital safety seriously. Parents can have full confidence that the use of the iPad is appropriate and is keeping your child as safe as possible.

- **Global Internet Filtering:** Every device comes pre-configured with a DFE accredited education-specific web filter and monitoring tools that protects your child both inside the classroom and at home. This filter cannot be removed. (Please note that because the filter is highly robust, safe websites may occasionally be blocked by mistake, and we actively monitor for VPN apps used to circumvent security).
- **Strictly Educational:** The iPad is strictly a tool for learning. Students cannot access the standard App Store and are blocked from downloading personal apps, social media, mobile games, or entertainment streaming services (like Netflix).
- **Digital Citizenship:** We enforce a strict Acceptable Use Policy. Misuse - such as taking photos or videos of others without explicit permission - is treated with the utmost seriousness under existing school behaviour policies.

## Device Care

By participating in the scheme, your child receives protection against theft and initial accidental damage, managed entirely on-site by our IT support team to keep them connected with minimal disruption.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the scheme and encourage excellent digital citizenship, we operate a tiered repair policy:

- **First Instance of Damage:** The first accidental breakage is fully covered and repaired free of charge, unless the device is lost or suffers severe, malicious damage.
- **Subsequent Breakages:** If a device is damaged a second time (or thereafter), it is deemed a repeatable issue. In these instances, parents/carers will be charged for the relevant repair costs before a replacement iPad can be issued.
- **Technical & Mechanical Faults:** Standard hardware issues - such as screen failure, battery degradation, charging port failure, or touchscreen malfunctions (e.g., "ghost touches") - are not charged to parents, provided there are no signs of physical abuse or forced damage.

## Illustrative repair costs

| Part                    | Cost    |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Touchscreen only        | £65.00  |
| Display only            | £100.00 |
| Touchscreen and Display | £120.00 |
| Battery                 | £65.00  |
| Power Button            | £30.00  |
| Charging Port           | £50.00  |
| Full Device Replacement | £320.00 |

