

A laptop is compulsory equipment for all Year 7 students.

From September 2022, Stanborough School has implemented a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** programme for our students in Year 7, to bring the use of digital technologies into the classroom. New Year 7 students in September 2026 will be required to have a suitable device in school every day to support their learning.



What is a suitable device?

There are two options for ensuring that your child has a suitable device:

- To bring in your own device provided it meets the minimum requirements
- To purchase a device through a lease company we will be working with

The aim of the BYOD programme is to be as inclusive as possible and to support a wide range of devices so that individual preferences can be accommodated.

Option 1:

If your child already has a suitable device:

Our minimum requirements are simple:

- At least a 11" screen
- Physical keyboard
- **Windows 11**
- **8GB RAM**
- A battery life which will last at least 6 hours
- Wireless networking
- Anti-Virus (Windows Defender is sufficient)
- Headphones/earphones

We are Microsoft Windows Computing School and therefore Google Chromebooks are not supported.

In addition to the above:

- We would recommend a sturdy case to transport it to school
- Parents are advised to have insurance/accidental damage cover for the device and to check if already covered under your home contents policy
- There is no on-site safe storage available, so students will be responsible for looking after their devices
- School insurance will **not** cover student-owned devices in the event of loss, damage or breakage
- We expect all students to adhere to the school's IT Acceptable Use Policy

Option 2:

If your child does not already have a suitable device:

- Devices that are purchased for school must meet the minimum specification (see Option 1)
- We are working with a lease provider, to support parents to buy a device in a financially manageable way
- The scheme will allow for parents to make a monthly payment and will include an extended warranty and Advanced Repairs Service. It will also allow us to set up the device in the way that is ready for your child to begin using straight away in school
- We are working hard with our provider to ensure that we can give the best value for money for parents. As soon as we have secured the best deal, we will be writing home with details of how to access the portal to order your device
- If you qualify for Pupil Premium support, we may be able to provide support. Further details can be obtained by emailing byod@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Students are **NOT** to bring in Apple branded products