

PUPIL LAPTOP AND ICT REQUIREMENTS 2018



This information is also available on our website at: <http://www.stowe.co.uk/parent-information/laptop-requirements>.

All Stoics are expected to attend School with a laptop.

Laptops must meet minimum criteria as below:

Pupils should have a minimum 10 inch screen, a keyboard, a minimum of 5 hours battery life and be able to start the device and open a browser (Chrome and Explorer) within 2 minutes for use within classrooms. *Laptops should have an Ethernet port, or if devices have USB ports only, be supplemented with a USB adapter.*

Pupils must have Anti-Virus software and will have to update it on the day they wish to access the School network. This includes Apple (iOS) laptops. An example of a suitable and free virus checker is the Sophos (home version) available on the Internet.

An English version of: MS Windows 10 is recommended. Windows 7 and 8 will function on the network or Apple OSX v10.7 and above.

Pupils are given access to a School account with MS Office 2016 One Drive (with 1T of storage) MS Word, Excel, etc. and work will be set using this format.

When Laptops Fail - Pupils need to have arrangements in place to fix the device within two weeks, during which time School computers or smart devices may be used to submit and receive digital work.

Tablets - In addition to a laptop pupils sometimes choose to utilise iPads for mobile access to resources, though the School also enables the use of Android tablets.

Smart Phones - Parents providing access to voice or data communications technology must sign the Parent Acceptable Use Policy and provide and enable suitable filtering to protect pupils from inappropriate access to services over the Internet. For example, set the restrictions available in the iPhone settings.

Please note the School will restrict access to phones and services in line with its behavioural policies and for the benefit of the community.

Computers and ICT Policy - All pupils have their own network socket in House so *laptops should have an Ethernet port, or if devices have USB only, be supplemented with a USB adapter to guarantee access at all times.*

Our Virtual Learning Environment is called Stowenet and is an important part of the teaching delivery to pupils. Content rich resources are delivered via a browser and can be accessed from pupil owned devices.

There are also 100 computers available for pupils to use in computer rooms, Academic departments and Boarding Houses, should they have need for specialist software.

All pupils sign the School's Acceptable Usage Policy on an annual basis to remind them of the need to use the School's network and computer systems in a responsible way. Pupils should reference the Boarding House Regulations, posted in Houses, for further guidance.