

# Mobile computing options for Children in Care & Care Leavers



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*Wokingham Children in Care and Care Leavers are entitled to a laptop computer or tablet to use for homework, leisure, keeping in touch, etc. This leaflet provides information about the current list of devices and what Young People and their carers can expect.*

## What Children in Care are entitled to

- Wokingham Children in Care are entitled to a laptop computer or tablet to use for homework, leisure, keeping in touch, etc. Care Leavers that are actively engaging with some form of continuing education also have the same entitlement.
- The devices are intended to last for 3 years and are provided with support, warranty and insurance for this period.

## Responsibilities

- Wokingham Borough Council will fund the cost of devices and will update the list of available devices from time to time. The Council will provide appropriate documentation with the device.
- Stone Computers will provide support for the device for 3 years from when it is supplied. Young people or their carers can contact the Stone support helpline on 0844 880 1680 or email at [support@stonecomputers.com](mailto:support@stonecomputers.com). Support is available 9AM – 9PM 7 days a week (excluding Bank Holidays). If issues aren't properly resolved by Stone, the Council will try to find a resolution.
- The Child in Care/Care Leaver is expected to look after the device and use it safely and responsibly.
- For Children in Care, the foster carer is expected to manage the administrator passwords, including passing on details to subsequent carers and have regard to how the device is being used, in the same way as any reasonable parent.

## What you need to do

1. Decide which device is best suited to your needs.
2. If you have any particular requirements that aren't mentioned on the list, please ask.
3. Once you have chosen, fill in the special order form and send it by email to one of the staff from the Virtual School.
4. Once the order has been approved by the Head of the Virtual School, the Council will place an order with the supplier.
5. The supplier will try to deliver the device within 4 weeks of the order, assuming the devices are available from the manufacturer.
6. Once the device is ready, a date and time will be agreed for handover.



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*The current list of devices is shown below. Note that since models change, the actual device supplied may be different, but will be of a similar type and specification.*

## **Option 1 – Small, lightweight touchscreen laptop**

*Suitable for general purpose use for leisure, internet browsing, homework, etc where lightweight and a small size are important*

- Thin and light laptop with touchscreen display, e.g. Acer Travel Mate or similar device
- Screen Size: 11.6 inches
- Dimensions: 285 mm x 202mm x 23.5mm, weight 1.2 Kg
- Operating System: Windows
- Provided with Microsoft Office and case



## **Option 2 – Convertible/detachable Tablet PC with Keyboard**

*Suitable for general purpose use for leisure, internet browsing, homework, etc including as a tablet*

- Convertible/detachable tablet PC with touchscreen display, e.g. Acer Aspire Switch or similar device
- Use as a small laptop or remove the keyboard and use as a tablet.
- Dimensions: 262 mm x 177 mm x 8.9mm in tablet mode and 20.2mm in laptop mode, weight 1.17 Kg
- Screen Size: 10.1 inches
- Operating System: Windows
- Provided with Microsoft Office and case



## **Option 3 – Apple iPad**

*Suitable for general purpose use for leisure, internet browsing, etc where significant document creation is not required*

- Apple iPad, e.g. iPad Air 2 Wi-Fi or similar model
- Screen Size: 9.7 inches
- Camera
- Dimensions: 16.9 x 0.6 x 24 cm, weight 435 g
- Provided with case, Bluetooth keyboard and £50 iTunes Gift Card to purchase Apps



## Option 4 – Medium format laptop

*Suitable for general purpose use for leisure, internet browsing, homework, etc*

- Medium format laptop with ultrabook style chassis and 15" screen, e.g. Stone 15" laptop or similar model
- Operating System: Windows
- Dimensions: 374 x 252 x 25.4mm
- Weight: 2.2kg
- Provided with Microsoft Office, case and external CD/DVD drive



## Option 5 – Android tablet

*Suitable for general purpose use for leisure, internet browsing, etc where significant document creation is not required*

- Samsung Galaxy Tab with 10.1inch screen or similar model
- Weight 508 g
- Dimensions: 24.3 x 0.8 x 17.6 cm
- Provided with case, Bluetooth keyboard, SD memory card and £50 Google Play gift card to purchase Apps



## Option 6 – Specific device

*If you have specific requirements, e.g. because your school or college asks you to provide a particular device, please make a note of what you would ideally prefer on the order form. We will then investigate if it is possible to supply the device within the budget available.*