

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/Care Leavers 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 and warranty 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. If issues aren't 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.

Insurance

- Note that up to 31 March 2020, devices were provided with a level of insurance cover. From 1 April 2020, insurance cover has not been included as the costs have become prohibitive. Foster Carers/Care Leavers may wish to make their own arrangements to insure the device.

What you need to do

1. Decide which device is best suited to your needs. If you will use it for school/college work, make sure the model you choose is suitable.
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 wherever possible it will be of a similar type and specification.

Option 1 – Small touchscreen Windows laptop

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

- Small laptop with touchscreen display, e.g. Acer Spin or similar device
- Screen Size: 11.6 inches
- Dimensions: typically 297mm x 209mm x 20.3mm, weight 1.5kg.
- Operating System: Windows
- Provided with Microsoft Office and case



Option 2 – Hybrid touchscreen Windows laptop/tablet

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

- Hybrid laptop/tablet with touchscreen display, e.g. Lenovo IdeaPad Flex or similar device
- Various models may be supplied depending on stock availability. Screen size will be in the region 11" to 15". If a smaller or larger screen size is important, please mention your preference on the order form.
- 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 Wi-Fi or similar model
- Screen Size: 10.2 inches
- Camera
- Dimensions: 25.1cm x 17.4cm x 0.75cm, weight 487 grams
- Provided with case and Bluetooth keyboard



Option 4 – Medium format 15” Windows laptop

Suitable for general purpose use for leisure, internet browsing, homework, school/college work, etc.

- Medium format laptop with ultrabook style chassis and 15.6” screen, e.g. Stone or similar model (non-touchscreen)
- Operating System: Windows
- Size and weight: typically 360 x 239 x 20mm, 1.6Kgs
- Provided with Microsoft Office.
- Larger screen devices like this may be more suited than some other devices for some types of school/college work.



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 and Bluetooth keyboard



Option 6 – Specific device

If you have specific requirements, e.g. because your school or college asks you to provide a particular device, or you don't think that any of the devices above will be suitable, 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.