



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Although the upcoming State Exams are at the forefront of all of our minds, it is important to provide you with information at this time regarding our 1:1 iPad Programme in Transition Year 2019-2020.

Transition Year is ideally suited to the use of iPad. As you will have learned at the Transition Year Information Meeting, all students will be required to create Video Diaries during Transition Year through which they will document and reflect on their learning experience throughout the year.

Students engage in more Project Based Learning during Transition Year and in some subjects will create digital portfolios of their learning. They learn coding in and computational thinking skills in ICT classes, create videos and music and work collaboratively online using iPad in many subject areas.

### **No eBooks in Transition Year**

No eBooks are used in Transition Year. This allows us to focus our use of iPad in the classroom in Transition Year on the enhancement of teaching and learning using digital active learning methodologies to support student learning.

As our 1:1 Mobile Learning Programme using iPad enters its sixth year and is rolled out to all six year groups, we have moved away significantly from simple textbook replacement and this has been particularly evident in Transition Year during the past two years.

### **Transition Year - Wriggle Online Store**

However, you will still be expected to **visit the Wriggle Online Store Online store to purchase the required Services and Support costing €30 (for 1 year)** before the beginning of Transition Year.

**The online store for Transition Year will open on Friday 10th May and remain open until Wednesday 10th July.**

To access the Transition Year Online Store please visit [www.wriggle.ie](http://www.wriggle.ie).

Click 'Order Online' and input the following code: **56147170**

Failure to purchase the required Services and Support will result in the student's iPad being removed from the school's WiFi network and the student will then no longer be permitted to use their iPad in school.

### **Option to upgrade iPad (if required)**

If required, there will also be an option on the Transition Year Online Store for those who wish to upgrade their iPad.

This will be of particular interest to those whose daughter falls into one of the following categories:

- Began in 1st Year (2016) with a BYOD iPad which was already several years old and is no longer supported by software updates. Many of the apps used in Transition Year require iOS 12.
- Have an iPad with 16GB storage capacity. Whilst these smaller capacity models can still be used, there has always been a need for careful management of storage and this issue will be apparent in Transition Year.
- Have an iPad that has been damaged and/or damaged or repaired several times and is now not in good working order.

There will be two options available of the new iPad (6th generation) released in March 2018 available on the online store:

1. 32GB model - €354
2. 128GB model - €439

### **Home Delivery**

This is the first year of Wriggle's new Home Delivery system.

Any new purchases will be delivered to homes during August before the beginning of the school year.

### **BYOD iPad Option**

As was the case in 1st Year, it would also be possible to choose the Bring Your Own iPad option (BYOD - iPad only). However, it should not be necessary to upgrade the vast majority of school iPads at this time (i.e. iPad Air 2 64GB used by the majority of students in this year group).

For those who wish to avail of this option, please see the attached document with further details.

### **New students to the 1:1 iPad Programme**

Students new to the school In Transition Year and those currently without iPad who have chosen to opt-in to the 1:1 Programme will also purchase from this Online Store.

The Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of these students will also be contacted separately in regard to this.

### **Transition Year Booklist**

The Transition Year Booklist will be forwarded to Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and posted on the school website soon.

In reality, this booklist contains very few books and, instead, details the required resources for each Transition Year Subject.

### **iPad with Textbooks and Free eBooks in Junior and Senior Cycle**

As you now know, going forward all students at Junior and Senior Cycle level will receive the physical textbook and a free eBook for all orders purchased on the Wriggle Online Store. These orders are processed and individually packaged and boxed for each student by the Book Haven and delivered to their home in August.

The introduction of the physical textbook and free eBook bundle has proven to be very successful and welcomed by all. This also allows us to place much greater focus of our use of iPad in the classroom on the enhancement of teaching and learning using digital active learning methodologies to support student learning, rather than just as a textbook replacement.

### **iPad Code of Behaviour - Ongoing throughout School Holidays**

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind all Parents and Guardians that the rules of iPad use still apply during the summer holidays. Your continued support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you have queries about purchasing on the Wriggle store, please contact Ms Rachael Malone, our Digital Devices Coordinator: [rachael.malone@loretoabbeydalkey.ie](mailto:rachael.malone@loretoabbeydalkey.ie)

If you have any further queries about our 1:1 iPad Programme, please contact our Digital Learning Coordinator, Mr. Eoin Hughes: [eoin.hughes@loretoabbeydalkey.ie](mailto:eoin.hughes@loretoabbeydalkey.ie)

Alternatively, our IT partner, Wriggle are available to provide assistance - email: [info@wriggle.ie](mailto:info@wriggle.ie) tel: 01-5009060

We wish your daughters every success in the upcoming Junior Certificate exams.

Kind regards,

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