



Testbourne Community School

Testbourne Community School LAPTOP SCHEME



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INTRODUCTION

All incoming cohorts from September 2023 will be offered the Easy4U Laptop Scheme to rent or purchase a Dell Latitude laptop. This will help ensure students have access to a device at home that both meets all their needs and is insured against any damage or theft. The Easy4U Laptop Scheme is launched to new Year 7 students in the Autumn 2023 term and devices are planned to be distributed at the start of their second week at school, thus being ready to use by Friday 15 September. At this current time, we are limiting access to the scheme to Year 7 in 2023 only.

At this time the laptops will be for use at home only so should not be brought into school. In some circumstances, e.g., if a child has a specific need which means they routinely use a laptop, they may be able to bring their own device with agreement from the SEND team or another senior member of staff. This is so that we maintain equality of access to IT equipment.

WHAT IS THE DIGITAL DEVICE SCHEME?

The school offers the Easy4U Laptop scheme, supported by Class Technology Limited and the Easy4U Service, to provide a digital device for all Intake 2023 students. The device cost (including accidental damage and theft insurance) is funded by parents via either a 24, 36, 48, 60-month rental period or a one-off purchase.

The Easy4U Laptop Scheme means that all students will have access at home to a personal digital device that, used with our learning platforms, will be tailored to their own needs, skills, and curriculum. It aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure that all students have equal access to educational resources at home.

BENEFITS

The Easy4U laptop scheme offers a range of benefits that we are confident will greatly assist your child in their academic journey. Some key features of the scheme include:

- **Cost-Effective solution:** The scheme enables parents to spread the cost of a device to make it a more affordable option for parents to provide their child with a high-quality laptop for educational purposes at home.
- **Reliable and up to date technology:** We have partnered with a reputable technology supplier to ensure that the laptops offered through the scheme are of excellent quality and equipped with the latest software and hardware specifications.
- **Technical support:** We understand that technical issues may arise from time to time. Therefore, the laptop scheme includes access to dedicated technical support to address any laptop-related concerns your child may have.
- **Customised educational software:** The laptops come with a range of educational software, tailored to the curriculum requirements of the school. This will enhance your child's learning experience when at home and support their academic progress.
- **Access to the full Microsoft Office suite included with the laptop:** There is no requirement for you to purchase/subscribe to Office365 as access to this suite will be provided under the school's existing volume licensing agreement.

SPECIFICATION

Extensive research was undertaken to look at suitable devices which meet our key specifications. As a school, we felt it important that the device met the following criteria: lightweight; touchscreen (if desired); long lasting battery; Windows 11; 8GB RAM; 256GB SSD; good quality processor options.

The Dell Latitude 3140 and 3340 models meet all these criteria and are specifically designed for use in schools. As such they are rugged, portable and function as both a laptop and a tablet (if the touchscreen option is chosen). It works seamlessly with our online learning platforms and the full suite of M365 Office desktop software to meet the blended learning initiative.



Dell Latitude 3140

Monthly Payment*

24-months : £24.30

36-months : £17.60

48-months : £14.00

60-months : £12.10

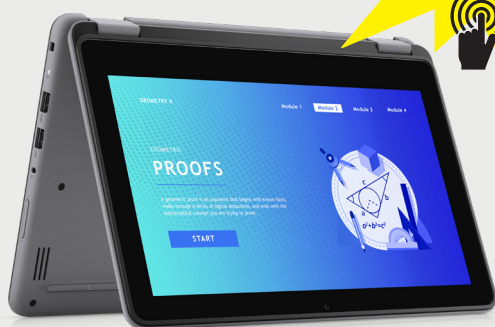
* There is a deposit of 4-months of rent per device.



11.6" HD Screen, Intel N200 Processor, 8GB RAM, 256GB SSD, HD Camera/Mic, 2x USB 3.2, 3.5mm headphone/mic combo port

Dell Latitude 3140

**WITH
TOUCHSCREEN**



Monthly Payment*

24-months : £28.20

36-months : £20.20

48-months : £16.00

60-months : £13.60

* There is a deposit of 4-months of rent per device.

Touch screen, 11.6" HD Screen, Intel N200 Processor, 8GB RAM, 256GB SSD, HD Camera/Mic, 2x USB 3.2, 3.5mm headphone/mic combo port



Dell Latitude 3340

Monthly Payment*

24-months : £32.90

36-months : £23.60

48-months : £18.90

60-months : £16.10

* There is a deposit of
4-months of rent per device.



13.3" Full HD Screen, Intel 13th Gen i5-1335U Processor, 8GB RAM, 256GB SSD, Full HD Camera/Mic, 2x USB3.2, 1x USB-C, 3.5mm headphone/mic combo port

Dell Latitude 3340

**WITH
TOUCHSCREEN**



Monthly Payment*

24-months : £39.30

36-months : £27.90

48-months : £22.10

60-months : £18.60

* There is a deposit of
4-months of rent per device.

Touch screen, 13.3" Full HD Screen, Intel 13th Gen i5-1335U Processor, 8GB RAM, 256GB SSD, Full HD Camera/Mic, 2x USB3.2, 1x USB-C, 3.5mm headphone/mic combo port

All devices include a solid, water-resistant protective sleeve.



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Does my child have to have a digital device in school?

These laptops are for home use. There is no requirement for your child to have a digital device in school.

Enrolling in this laptop scheme, however, will ensure your child has access to an affordable laptop at home that is specifically tailored to their education journey whilst at Testbourne Community School. The software on the laptop provided by the laptop scheme will be fully supported and managed by Testbourne's in house IT Services.

My child already has a laptop, can they use this rather than the laptop scheme?

Yes, but there are significant advantages for students to use the devices provided through the Laptop Scheme, as we are more able to ensure a consistently smooth device experience and more effectively resolve any issues. These devices also meet all the key criteria, and so staff can be confident that all tools and learning activities will work on the scheme devices.

If your child does already have a suitable device then they can continue using this at home and, if they already have an arrangement to do so, bring it into school (with agreement from the SEND team or another senior member of staff), but you should be aware that we cannot support this device in the same way. The school cannot be liable for any damage/theft of a personal laptop that may occur.

For the Year 7 Intake 2023 we will be recommending that all students use a device rented or purchased through our Laptop Scheme if they do not already have a suitable device.

Is there any financial support available?

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and feel you are unable to take advantage of the scheme, please contact laptops@testbourne.school. There may be some limited support we can offer, but this will be on a case-by-case basis.

How will the device impact learning activities?

The choice of the Dell Latitude 3140 or 3340 models means that a very wide range of learning activities can be enhanced by the device, including the use of voice recording, video, digital inking (touchscreen option only), collaborative documents, data recording and processing, immediate feedback, and accessibility features (such as immersive reader, dictation, and text-to-speech).

Does this mean that there will be no more physical textbooks and paper resources?

Paper and textbooks will still be in use, but teachers are already using more online textbooks and resources through platforms such as Kerboodle, SharePoint and Teams when setting homework. Students are making use of OneNote Class Notebooks in some of their lessons and for homework. Therefore, taking part in the laptop scheme students can quickly and easily access these platforms when they are at home. This will also have a positive impact on our environmental footprint as a school.



How will using a device help prepare my child for the world beyond Testbourne?

The ability to thrive beyond their time at Testbourne Community School is a key component of the education we aim to provide, and technology plays an important role in terms of employability and working practices. We want students to be able to explore the world outside of school safely and effectively and digital literacy is a key component of this.

The systems and platforms used in school are used by 95% of UK Colleges/Universities and businesses, and so will help prepare our students effectively for their next steps.

Is the Dell Latitude 3140 and 3340 11.6- and 13.3-inch screen sizes (respectively) suitable for use at home?

We have been using laptops with the same screen sizes as those offered under the scheme in school and all users have found the size of the device to be perfectly suitable, and students are used to switching between apps on mobile phones, and we are confident they will quickly adapt to these devices.

For longer usage sessions, some people purchase their own keyboard, mouse and/or monitor for increased comfort at home.

Can my child access inappropriate content on the device?

When connected to other Wi-Fi networks, for example at home, the devices will not be filtered by the school, and so parents will need to be responsible for the controls and filtering on their home networks, as well as setting clear boundaries and expectations on device use at home. You can find more information on filtering on home and mobile networks by clicking this link: <http://go.testbourne.school/parentalcontrols>. You should also access the help pages for your router or your internet provider as they usually have simple controls to filter inappropriate content.

The school may look at cloud-based web filtering (so inappropriate content is blocked regardless of location) depending on the success of the laptop scheme.

Can my child charge the device at school?

Please remember that agreement from the SEND team or a senior member of staff must be given before you child can bring their device into school. The devices selected have a good battery life and should last a full school day. If a student does bring their laptop into school, we would expect it to be fully charged. Due to the age of our buildings, it is very impractical to find a point to charge a laptop, especially when in use.

What happens if the device is lost, damaged or stolen?

Devices rented/purchased through the Laptop Scheme are fully covered and you will have the option to inform the insurance company themselves or to request the school manage this process. There is a £50 excess on each claim (up to a maximum of three claims for the duration of the contract).

A replacement laptop will be issued while the damaged laptop is being repaired or replaced.

Devices that are lost/stolen can be locked and/or remotely wiped by the school to securely remove any data.



Will the school provide support with the device?

Yes, our onsite IT Services team can support the devices both physically and remotely for any problems related to the school account and applications on the device.

Will the school install school licensed software?

Yes, where our licensing agreements allow this to happen. There will be some specialist software used in school where this will not currently be possible. However, we do review licensing agreements from time to time, so we may be able to offer more software to the laptops as we further develop the laptop scheme.

What happens if my child moves schools before the contract is finished?

You can keep hold of the laptop and keep paying monthly to Easy4U, until the end of the contract. However, the school will need to wipe the laptop back to factory defaults disconnecting it from our Microsoft InTune management platform. Whilst the laptop will still have hardware support and be covered by accidental damage and theft cover, a loan device cannot be issued.

Can I transfer the device to a younger sibling when the older sibling has finished using it?

This is no problem at all if it's still within the contract or has been purchased outright. You must inform the school if you wish to do this so we can update our system.

Are there options to upgrade the devices throughout the contract period?

We don't offer an upgrade, but if the device is returned, Easy4U will hold onto the deposit, tear up the contract and then a new device can be purchased online.

If purchasing outright, how much does each device cost and how does that compare to the usual market cost? Please see our Laptop Scheme webpage at: <http://go.testbourne.school/laptopscheme> for a document comparing the price of a device via Easy4U as opposed to purchasing on the high street.

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Please see the Info page on our web shop at <https://portal.easy4u.school/info/?code=TCS2023> for more information.

**Other questions**

If you have any other questions not answered in this brochure, please contact laptops@testbourne.school.

