

Tytherington School Chromebook Programme

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As you will be aware, schools across the nation are turning to online platforms to enable students to continue to learn whilst they remain closed to most children. We have been actively using FireFly as our platform in combination with Office 365.

In the short-term, even though the signs appear to be that all students will return to regular schooling in September, we still anticipate that there will be some physical distancing and other mitigation procedures which will mean that things are not quite back to normal for some time. The government has also indicated that should we experience a "second spike" of coronavirus cases, a further lockdown may be a possible response.

In the long-term, we will continue to use technology as part of our learning provision and will increasingly use online learning platforms to supplement face-to-face teaching. Increasingly, we will expect students to bring in their own devices into school to support learning and this scheme provides an excellent means through which to purchase such a device.

THE EQUIPMENT ON OFFER

We have selected the Lenovo 300e Chromebook which is best suited to enhance the learning experience of our students at Tytherington School. This Chromebook is specifically designed for student use with a rugged outer casing.

The 11.6" Lenovo 300e Chromebook (2nd Gen) offers the versatility of a 360-degree hinge and 10-point multitouch technology. This device bends into four different modes to offer customised ways to plan, teach, learn, and engage. And students can interact with the screen the way they're used to interacting with most devices—through touch.

Each Chromebook is also supplied with a 3 year extended warranty and 3 year protection for accidental damage and theft with £0 excess giving complete peace of mind.

WHY CHROMEBOOKS?

Chromebooks are extremely secure, easy to use and facilitate both independent study and online collaboration. Through the use of Google Apps for Education & Office 365 we can further improve student engagement, and open the door to learning.

The Chromebooks with the Management Console ensure that all students are able to access all of the same resources and applications, wherever they are in the world and enable teachers to deliver the curriculum in the most exciting and engaging way.

THE BENEFITS OF CHROMEBOOKS

- Less than 8 seconds to boot up
- Long battery life & Unlimited file storage
- Simple technology
- Easy student-teacher workflow in a safe environment
- Excellent collaboration tools
- Works seamlessly with Google & Office 365
- Chrome Management Console for eSafety

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Chromebook – Ruggedised and designed for students
- Chrome Management License
- 3 Yr Extended Warranty - £0 excess
- 3 Yr Accidental Damage & Theft Protection - £0 excess
- Google Classroom & Apps for Education

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Prices start from £12.75 per month over 36 months including all of the items above. Parents/guardians can opt to pay via monthly direct debit up to 36 months or a one off payment through the ordering portal. There are no credit checks and it is open to all students.

We are, of course, able to provide some financial support to the parents/guardians of students that are in receipt of the Pupil Premium.

- Pupil Premium and presently in receipt of Free School Meals – 40% of the cost will be paid by Tytherington School
- Pupil Premium and not presently in receipt of Free School Meals – 30% of the cost will be paid by Tytherington School

If you are a parent/guardian of a student in receipt of the Pupil Premium, and would like access to the above subsidies, please email apilbury@tytheringtonschool.co.uk and we will check our records and send you the appropriate link for ordering with the subsidy.

We recognise that, at this time, there may be others that are facing financial hardship. Therefore, please get in touch if you require support.

HOW DO I PLACE MY ORDER?

***** Please select the year group that your child will be going into in the 2020/21 academic year *****

Go to: www.tech4learners.co.uk

Username: **Tytherington20**

Password: **S3cure02!**

THE PORTAL OPENS ON THE 6th JULY 2020

THE PORTAL CLOSES ON THE 10th AUGUST 2020

FIRST DIRECT DEBIT ON THE 25th AUGUST 2020

If your first Direct Debit fails your order will be cancelled

Delivery is planned for the start of term in September

Available from **ONLY £12.75 per month**

Log onto www.tech4learners.co.uk and place your order from 7th July to 10th August

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If you require assistance or have any questions then please email tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk or call 0203 857 5632

Lenovo 300e Flip & Touchscreen 2nd Gen Chromebook



From ONLY £12.75 per month

Payable over 36 months
(other payment terms are available)

Price Includes:

- 3Yr Extended warranty
- 3Yr Accidental Damage Protection (£0 Excess)
- 3Yr Theft Protection (£0 Excess)
- Delivery
- School Software, Applications, Network Access
- Chrome Management Console

Specification:

- AMD A4-9120C (2C / 2T, 1.6 / 2.4GHz, 1MB L2) Processor
- 11.6" AntiGlare HD Touchscreen Display
- 4GB Memory
- 32GB SSD
- Dual Band Wireless-AC
- Rugged Design
- Spill-resistant keyboard with mechanically anchored keys
- USB-C AC Power
- USB 3.0, HDMI, SD Card Reader, Kensington lock Slot, Mic/Audio jack
- Dual Band Wireless-AC & Bluetooth 4.2

Frequently Asked Questions

How long can I spread the payments over?

12, 24 or 36 months depending on how long your child has left at the school. You can also make a single up-front payment if you prefer not to spread the cost.

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What happens at the end of the agreement?

On your final payment the device becomes yours. If paying upfront, then the Chromebook is yours from day one.

Will there be any credit checks?

No everyone is approved and there are no credit checks.

What is the excess on claims?

There is no excess on the accidental damage, theft or warranty protection. This is a huge benefit of the programme.

How do I claim for warranty, accidental damage or theft?

You will be provided with policy documentation detailing how to make a claim. A courier will arrange delivery of a replacement device from spare stock held within our Service Centre. This will be a direct replacement of the Chromebook that you originally ordered and will be issued within 48 hours.

Can students use the device at home?

Yes, the student can use the device to further enhance their learning and we recommend that you set your security setting on your Wi-Fi accordingly.

When will I receive the device?

The ordering window will open on the 7th July and orders need to be placed by the 10th August. Your first direct debit will be collected on the 25th August. Devices will be delivered to school for collection at the start of September.

What happens if I miss a payment, can no longer afford the device or my child leaves the school?

You must return the device to the school or alternatively pay the outstanding payments to take ownership of the device. You will not own the device until the final payment is made.

Are Chromebooks secure?

Yes. Chromebooks are designed with multiple layers of security to keep them safe from viruses and malware without any additional security software. A full 10% of boot time is dedicated to re-verifying that the device has not been tampered with, so every time you power on a Chromebook, your security is checked. Google also adheres to all data policies including GDPR and does not share data with any third parties.

Do the Chromebooks come with a sleeve or bump-case?

No, they don't, but they are specifically designed for education and student use. The Lenovo 300e is engineered for durability, with rubber bumpers, reinforced ports and hinges, and mechanically anchored keys. It's even drop-resistant up to 29.5 inches (75cm), roughly the height of a school desk. Parents/carers are welcome to buy a case separately if they wish to but they are designed to fit straight into a school bag.

If there are future opportunities available to sign up for Chromebooks, will the cost and terms & conditions remain the same?

It is extremely unlikely that the cost will differ by anything more than a small amount, but this will be dictated by any changes in manufacturing costs and we can't guarantee that the price won't change. The terms and conditions will remain the same.

I don't have wifi at home (or intermittent wifi) – if I was to buy a dongle or SIM card at a later date to use with the Chromebook, would it work?

Both models will work with a USB Dongle or tethering device (such as a 'hotspot') but do not have a SIM card slot. It is possible to work offline on the Chromebooks but quite a lot is reliant upon being online, so please consider this before signing up.

Does the software on the Chromebooks differ according to a child's year group?

No it doesn't, although the Chromebooks benefit from similar security protections as those in school so age-restrictions may still apply on certain sites or applications that will be applied by the school.

Who should I contact at school if I have any questions?

Mr Pilbury apilbury@tytheringtonschool.co.uk is the best person to start with. He will do his best to answer queries as soon as possible.

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