



STOWE PUPIL LAPTOP AND ICT REQUIREMENTS 2020

This information is also available on our website at: <http://www.stowe.co.uk/parent-information/laptop-requirements>.

All Stoics are expected to attend School with a laptop.

Laptops must meet minimum criteria as below:

Pupils should have a minimum 10-inch screen, a keyboard, a minimum of 5 hours battery life and be able to start the device and open a browser (Chrome and Explorer) within 2 minutes for use within classrooms.

Pupil Laptops should have an Ethernet port or an appropriate adaptor for ethernet to enable the device to use ethernet cable as an alternative to Wi-Fi to ensure continuity of services.

Pupils must have Anti-Virus software pre-installed and will have to update it on the day they wish to access the School network. This includes Apple (iOS) laptops. Please note Windows Defender is already included on Windows 10 (Home and Pro versions) computers and Sophos Home Free can be downloaded from the internet for Mac OS (<https://home.sophos.com/en-us/download-antivirus-pc.aspx>).

The school will only support the following operating systems: **Windows:** An English Language version of Windows 10 or **Apple Mac:** OSX v10.14 (Mojave) and above, with up to date security and operating system patches.

Pupils will be using a School account with MS Office 365 One Drive (with 1TB of storage) MS Word, Excel, Teams etc. and work will be set using this format.

Pupils may have a maximum of 4 devices registered on the network.

In order to check your laptop has up to date Anti-Virus and will be allowed on the network you are able to test run the access process by following the instructions here: <https://byod.stowe.co.uk>. If you find any issues you cannot solve alone, we will assist pupils when they arrive at the school.

If parents have administrative accounts on Pupil devices, IT support will require appropriate credentials to aid enable security check prior to installation on the network.

When Laptops Fail - Pupils need to have arrangements in place to fix the device within two weeks, during which time School computers or smart devices may be used to submit and receive digital work.

Tablets - In addition to a laptop, pupils sometimes choose to utilise modern iPads with Bluetooth keyboards for mobile access to Microsoft 365 resources.

Smart Phones - Parents providing device accounts with access to voice or data communications technology must sign the Parent Acceptable Use Policy and provide and enable suitable filtering to protect pupils from inappropriate access to services over the Internet. For example, set the restrictions available in the iPhone settings.

Computers and ICT Policy- For 'tailored' network access, all pupils have their own network socket in House therefore Pupil laptops should have a network (Ethernet port) or adaptor if required.

There are also 100 computers available for pupils to use throughout the school. All pupils sign the School's Acceptable Usage Policy and must use computer systems in a responsible and safe way.