



Glenfield Intermediate School

Considerations Before Purchasing a Device

Glenfield Intermediate uses Google Apps for Education.

This means that we use a Google Apps environment for teaching and learning. Take note, Microsoft Office is not required on devices as Google Apps provides the students with an equivalent free environment available using the Internet.

Price:	How much do you want to spend? What is your budget?
Battery Life	Should last at least 4 hours to be able to get through a school day without recharging.
Weight	Is it heavy? Will your child be carrying this to and from school every day?
Wireless	Should be wireless compatible.
Screen Size	Minimum 11 inches
Internet Browser	The Google Chrome browser is necessary for our systems. Make sure the device can run this.
RAM	Minimum 2GB, but recommend 4GB or more for Laptops /Netbooks, or else programmes may be much slower to run, 16GB or more recommended for Tablet devices.
Protection	Does your device have a suitable case to protect it ?
Insurance	While we take care to protect students' property, we cannot accept responsibility for devices lost or stolen, so make sure it is covered for these possibilities. Accidental damage insurance may also be available if desired.
Warranty	Minimum warranty is 1 year, but you may want to consider upgrading this to a 2 or 3 year warranty.
Anti-virus Software	For Windows or Mac OSX devices anti-virus and anti-spyware software is essential to protect the data on the device, and prevent the device being used to spread this malware to other devices at home or at school.
Extras	Headsets or ear phones are required. A Bluetooth keyboard is useful for tablets.

A VERY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION

High Schools: Check the BYOD requirements for local High schools that your child may attend.