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HARROW DEVICE GUIDE

Devices for Years 3-6 Students

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share our approach to using technology at Harrow International School Dubai. From August 2026, children in Years 3 to 6 will bring an iPad to school as part of their learning. Technology is used at Harrow Dubai to support learning and reference. It gives pupils access to appropriate resources, research, digital texts, educational platforms and carefully chosen tools that can strengthen understanding. Devices do not replace the central importance of written work. The principal output of pupils' work will be completed in exercise books, unless a Beak has given a specific instruction otherwise.

This reflects the importance Harrow Dubai places on careful presentation, clear handwriting and the development of a fluent cursive script.
Pupils should take pride in their exercise books. Written work should be set out carefully, completed neatly and improved where necessary. The discipline of handwriting helps pupils think, organise ideas, develop accuracy and communicate with clarity.
Pupils must follow the school's rules for devices and digital conduct at all times.

To make preparation for this easier for parents, we have partnered with a company called JTRS (Just The Right Solution) who will manage the setup of new devices purchased through our school-specific site to ensure they are'school ready'. When an iPad is ordered, JTRS will set up the device to ensure it will connect to our school Mobile Device Management (MDM) system. The benefits of having an MDM is to:

- Keep devices secure
- Install and update apps remotely as needed – no need for parents to add apps as needed.
- Automatically restrict access to non-school apps during school hours e.g. gaming apps.
- Support lost device tracking

In addition to the above, adopting a uniformed approach to devices will allow teachers to better utilise them to supportclassroom practice- rather than having to troubleshoot various laptops and tablets without the knowledge of how to do so.

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Requirements

All students in Years 3-6 will require the following items. For ease all items are available to purchase from the school site **here**, however, some items can be purchased from anywhere, as indicated below:

Mandatory		Optional
Purchase from JTRS	Can be purchased from JTRS or elsewhere	Can be purchased from JTRS or elsewhere
- iPad (at a special, Apple Education discounted rate)	- Screen Protector - Protective case with keyboard - Stylus - Headphones (wireless preferably, though please try to avoid air pods as they are easy to lose)	- Apple Care

Further Information
To support families in understanding the approach we are taking, we have included some FAQs below.

Why are you using JTRS?

JTRS are a fantastic company who believe in supporting schools to use technology to enhance learning in the best possible way for their students. Alongside the smooth setting up of the devices, JTRS will support school in providing training for teachers to ensure devices are used appropriately and purposefully.

Do we have to purchase the iPad from the JTRS site?

We are strongly recommending that parents buy the iPads from the JTRS site, as there is a built in Apple Education discount, and the journey will be much smoother for parents, as the device will arrive to your home set up and ready. So that once your child enters the school site, they automatically connect to the Mobile Device Management (MDM) system.

If families have an iPad which meets the required specification, we are able to use a manual set up, however this is a more complex route as there are steps for the family to take to prepare the device for set up, to ensure the MDM software is installed correctly.

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Why does the device need to be a certain specification?

We require children to have an iPad with a USB-C connection to ensure all students are working with a consistent and up-to-date device. This helps teachers plan effectively, knowing that all children will be able to access the same apps, tools and digital learning experiences without technical barriers. A uniform specification also allows for easier technical support and faster troubleshooting, meaning more learning time and fewer disruptions. Choosing a USB-C iPad helps future-proof the device, ensuring compatibility with school systems and accessories for years to come.

How will you manage screen time?

We are committed to maintaining a healthy balance between digital and non-digital learning. Our approach to learning is traditional and includes:

- Structured use of devices only during times where it will enhance learning
- No use of iPads during break or lunch times
- Carefully planned activities that avoid over-reliance on screens
- Teacher training to ensure purposeful, not passive, device use

Importantly, part of our duty as educators is to prepare students for a digital future. This means teaching children how to use devices wisely, responsibly, and with intention just as they will need to do as adults.

Devices will be one of many tools in the classroom, used when they support collaboration, creativity, or deeper learning.