



Buying Guide for Years 5 & 6 2026

| Device Part | Minimum Specifications |
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| Device Type | Laptop: Windows based (with keyboard) <i>Not recommended: iOS/Mac (high technical skill essential)</i> <i>Not supported: Chromebook/Android</i> |
| Operating System | Windows 11 or Windows 10 Home/Pro <i>Not supported: Chrome OS, Linux, Unix, Windows RT/7/8/8.1/ 10'S</i> |
| Processor | Intel Core i5 |
| Memory | 8GB RAM |
| Battery | 10+ hours |
| Display | 11-13 inch |
| Storage (SSD) | 256GB *Students have one terabyte of cloud storage with OneDrive supplied by Department of Education |
| Network | Wifi 5 (5GHz 802.11ac) |
| Ports | USB-C with charging USB-A 3.0 HDMI Headphone out |
| Features | Built in Webcam Built in Microphone Built in Bluetooth Touch screen (recommended) |
| Accessories | Wired headphones Laptop Accidental Damage Insurance Protective case: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case size should match screen size of laptop (or close as possible)• Hard shell or cases with rigid corners are recommended minimising damage in the event of a drop (rigid corners minimise the chance of a broken screen which is the most likely cause of damage to devices)• Zipper• Handles/shoulder straps recommended for junior students |

Minimum Software Requirements

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| Virus Protection | We recommend using Windows Defender (it is preinstalled on Windows 10 and 11 Devices). <i>Note: We do not recommend buying and installing Third party Antivirus software such as Norton, McAfee etc as these programs interfere with Education Department Internet Connectivity. They may also slow down the laptop significantly. If you choose to use these products, they will have to be turned off during school time. This is up to parents and guardians to manage. For this reason, we recommend Windows Defender as it does not interfere with the working order of devices on our network.</i> |
| Office Suite | e.g. Office 365 (supplied by Department of Education free to all students) |
| PDF Viewer | e.g. Adobe Acrobat Reader Free Version Reader Only |
| Internet Browser | e.g. Microsoft Edge |

Possible laptop:

Dell Inspiron 15 3530 15.6" Full HD Laptop (Intel Core i5) [512GB]

