



Jebel Ali School

**Apple Device
Guidelines**

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What devices will be required for each year group?

Years 3 to 6

iPad (Generation 8 or above with 64GB of storage or more)

Optional: stylus, keyboard

Years 7 to 9

iPad (Generation 8 or above with 64GB of storage or more),

stylus, keyboard

(Students entering Year 9 in September 2022 have the option to use MacBook because Macbook will be required from Year 10. From September 2023 students in Year 9 are expected to have iPad.)

Years 10 and 11

MacBook (any model)

Years 11 to 13

Macbook (any model)

Why this change and why now?

We are moving to one school with one ecosystem of devices for safeguarding and security purposes. It will also allow for greater depth in how we use technology in teaching and learning across the curriculum. Chromebooks were chosen previously at a time when the school was in a period of significant transition and, in recent years, disruption to us all. We now wish to move from 'surviving to thriving' by offering your children a more advanced educational technology experience with the highest levels of safeguarding, classroom control and depth of curriculum delivery.

There is no ideal time to make this change and we believe the improvements in safeguarding and the level of provision for educational needs to be implemented as soon as possible. When the entire educational context is taken as a whole, the advantages of this change are compelling.

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Have you considered the cost?

- Students with an iPad moving from primary to secondary do not necessarily have to buy a new device, but will need a keyboard and stylus if they do not already have these.
- We are still negotiating a possible trade-in of Chromebooks with the Apple reseller which could be offset against the purchase of an iPad/Macbook. Should this option be available, more information on this will be communicated in January.
- The total cost of an iPad 9th Generation is similar to a new Chromebook (AED2,300 approx compared to AED2,050 respectively), but with superior specifications and power. It is also expected to last longer than a Chromebook. It also allows for the use of thousands of applications including those from Microsoft, Google, Apple, Adobe, and so on.
- A new MacBook Air costs AED3,500 approximately, on education pricing.
- We are in negotiations to secure an alternative stylus for iPad which will cost approximately half that of Apple Pencil, generation 1.
- Refunds on Chromebooks bought via the school are not possible.

Is there a recommended supplier?

The education reseller, JTRS, has a full list of prices available once you register

<https://www.jtrs.ae/page/homepage>

Please ensure you choose Jebel Ali School when you sign up.

1. Visit <https://www.jtrs.ae/page/homepage> and register your details.
2. Wait for an email notification to outline that your account has been activated.
3. Log in to your account, Click on ESTORE, and view the product list for available devices.
4. Purchase your preferred device. Device bundles have been prepared if you wish to buy a keyboard, stylus and so on. You may also purchase a durable case and AppleCare extended warranty directly through the site. Apple Warranty is optional, but we highly recommend protective cases.
5. Your product will be delivered directly to you by JTRS.
6. To activate your device we will provide you with a QR code and/or activation code to enter onto the device.

Can my child use an Apple device immediately (before September 2022)?

Yes. The device will need to be wiped and all passcodes removed. It will be added to our device management system. Once configured all personal applications, accounts etc can be reinstalled.

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What do I need to do if I bought a device elsewhere or already have one?

In order to install our secure Mobile Device Management system, **all devices brought into school will be wiped completely, including all applications and media.** However, once your device is returned, you will be able to restore applications from the App Store and retrieve media by signing into your preferred online storage platform. Once you have backed up to iCloud, please carry out the following procedures on your device. Instructions on how to prepare and [back-up your device can be found here](#).

Do I have to buy applications?

No, applications will be sent to devices by school. When applications are no longer required for learning, we will remotely remove them from devices.

Personal applications can be installed on devices also.

Can the school monitor activity on my child's device outside of school?

No. Our device management system cannot see screens or monitor activity outside of school. It can send applications, restrictions and settings (such as find lost devices, resetting forgotten codes) over the internet to devices, but monitoring is not possible outside of school and the system cannot record passwords, passcodes etc (but can reset them if a student forgets their code).

How is the use of technology in school made safe?

The safety of our students when using devices is our top priority. As soon as devices are brought into school, they will be reconfigured onto the school Mobile Device Management system. This will not affect your device when using it outside of the school network. When the device is on the school network, it will be subject to a set of customised settings and security preferences. These mean that:

- only approved applications will be made visible and usable by students in school;
- student internet access will be restricted to approved websites only;
- students may have tasks and resources allocated to them in real time;
- Teachers may control students' use of devices and access to applications remotely.



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