

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since the introduction of iPads to all students in September 2024, these devices have significantly enhanced teaching and learning both in the classroom and beyond. They have supported students in becoming more independent learners, and the use of Showbie has enabled teachers to share resources effectively and provide timely feedback.

The camera facility on the iPad is used solely to allow students to scan and upload their work for assessment purposes. However, it has come to our attention that an increasing number of students are misusing the iPad cameras. We have observed instances of students taking personal photographs, capturing images of other students, and, on occasion, taking pictures of staff. This behaviour is wholly inappropriate, unacceptable, and will not be tolerated.

We kindly ask parents and carers to reinforce with their children that the iPad is an educational digital tool, not a personal device. Students are not permitted to take personal photographs or videos of themselves or of anyone else under any circumstances. The camera function must be used only for school-related learning tasks, such as recording and uploading work to Showbie.

We would also like to highlight a recent rise in accidental and avoidable damage to school iPads. We ask parents and carers to remind their children of the importance of always looking after their device, including keeping it in a protective case, handling it responsibly, and storing it safely when not in use. While we do our best to repair damaged iPads as quickly as possible, any period without access to their device will inevitably affect your child's learning and ability to fully engage with their lessons.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community, we will be implementing periodic spot checks of iPad photo galleries. These checks are solely to confirm that no personal images or videos are stored on the device. This measure is part of our safeguarding responsibilities and is intended to maintain a safe and respectful learning environment.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us uphold the standards expected in our school.

Yours sincerely,



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