

Oldbury Wells Chromebook Programme

OLDBURY WELLS CHROMEBOOK PROGRAMME

The COVID-19 pandemic has provided an exciting opportunity for our teachers to develop new ways of delivering high quality learning for our students with technology. We want to continue to build on this expertise to enhance our curriculum offer for our school communities. It is our vision and determination to enable every child to have access to affordable, high quality devices which they can use to support homework or any possible future distance learning. Using IT safely and effectively is an essential part of everyday life for our students and we are committed to equipping them with these skills for life. Should we find ourselves in another lock down situation, we will be delivering a high-quality remote curriculum immediately. We are passionate about ensuring that as many students as possible can have full access to this provision.

THE EQUIPMENT ON OFFER

The Chromebook selected is specifically designed for student use with a ruggedised outer casing. The Military Standard (MIL-STD 810G) tested, impact-resistant body stands up to daily wear and tear. It can take a 60kg weight, the shock absorbent bumper and reinforced design protect components so it can survive drops from 122cm. The unique drainage design means 330ml of liquid can be spilled over the keyboard without causing damage.

Each device is supplied with a 3-year extended warranty and a 3-year Accidental Damage and Theft protection with a £0 excess, giving complete peace of mind.

We have opted for the latest generation Chromebook with increased processing power in order to improve the experience for our students. With Google Auto Update support until June 2026 we believe that this Chromebook offers best value for money for our families.

WHY CHROMEBOOKS?

Chromebooks are extremely secure, easy to use and facilitate both independent study and online collaboration. Through the use of Google Apps for Education & Office 365 we can further improve student engagement, and open the door to learning.

Using Chromebooks with the Management Console ensures that all students are able to access the same resources and applications, wherever they are in the world, and enables teachers to deliver the curriculum in the most exciting and engaging way.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Prices start from £13.93 per month over 36 months. Other payment terms are available.

- Years 7 & 8 = 12, 24 or 36 months
- Year 9 = 12, 24 or 32 months
- Years 10 & 12 = 12, or 20 months
- Years 11 & 13 = 8 months

For all Year Groups, you can make a single up-front payment if you prefer not to spread the cost.

THE BENEFITS OF CHROMEBOOKS

- Less than 8 seconds to boot up
- Long battery life & Unlimited file storage
- Simple technology
- Easy student-teacher workflow in a safe environment
- Excellent collaboration tools
- Works seamlessly with Google & Office 365
- Chrome Management Console for eSafety

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Chromebook – Ruggedised and designed for students
- Chrome Management License
- 3 Yr Extended Warranty - £0 excess
- 3 Yr Accidental Damage & Theft Protection - £0 excess
- Google Classroom & Apps for Education

HOW DO I PLACE MY ORDER?

To place your order via the portal please use the details below:

Go to: www.tech4learners.co.uk

Username: Oldbury20

Password: S3cure02!

There are no credit checks and the scheme is open to all.

THE PORTAL OPENS ON THE 14th SEPTEMBER 2020

THE PORTAL CLOSES ON THE 11th OCTOBER 2020

FIRST DIRECT DEBIT ON THE 25th OCTOBER 2020

If your first Direct Debit fails your order will be cancelled

Delivery is planned for November



**FREEDOM
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Available from **ONLY £13.93 per month**

Log onto www.tech4learners.co.uk and place your order from 14th September to 11th October

Username: Oldbury20

Password: S3cure02!

If you require assistance or have any questions then please email tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk or call 0203 857 5632

Acer Spin 512 Chromebook



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Price Includes:

- 3Yr Extended Warranty
- 3Yr Accidental Damage Protection (£0 Excess)
- 3Yr Theft Protection (£0 Excess)
- Ownership at end – no additional cost
- School Software, Applications, Network Access
- Chrome Management Console License

Specification:

- Intel N2040 Dual-Core Processor
- 12" HD Touchscreen Display with HD WebCam
- 4GB Memory
- 32GB SSD
- Dual Band Wireless-AC & Bluetooth 5.0
- Rugged & Flip Design (**Turns into a Tablet**)

SAVE up to £116.19

(Based on outright purchase vs High Street RRP)

High Street RRP = £531.09

- Chromebook @ 329.46
- Warranty @ £45.99
- Chrome License @ £30.00
- 3YR ADT insurance @ £125.64
- (Protectmybubble £3.49 p/mth)



Frequently Asked Questions

How long can I spread payments over?

If your child is in Year 7 or 8 you can choose to spread the payments over 12, 24 or 36 months. For Year 9, you can choose to spread the payment over 12, 24 or 32 months. For Year 10 & 12 you can choose to spread the payments over 12 or 20 months. For Year 11 & 13, you can spread the payments over 8 months.

For all Year Groups, you can make a single up-front payment if you prefer not to spread the cost.

Why are we using a leasing scheme?

The benefits of using a leasing scheme are:

- A lower monthly payment is available as you can pay for the device over a longer period of time.
- Device cover, protecting the device against theft or accidental damage with no excess and unlimited number of claims.
- Excellent customer service, including a replacement device provided within 24 hours during any period of repair.
- Improved brand quality offered through Lenovo.
- Full ownership of the device once final payment is made.

Will there be any credit checks?

No, everyone is approved.

How will I make payments?

Payments will be made via Direct Debit using an online portal provided and administered by Freedom Tech. You will also have the ability to pay a single one off payment if you would prefer not to spread the cost.

What happens if I miss a payment, can no longer afford the device or my child leaves the school?

You must return the device to the school, or alternatively pay the outstanding payments to take ownership of the device.

How do I claim for warranty, accidental damage or theft?

You will be provided with information on how to make a claim. The school will be able to lend a Chromebook to the student whilst the Chromebook is being repaired or replaced. This is a big benefit as it means the student will always have access to the technology.

When will I receive the device?

The ordering window has now opened and orders need to be placed by 11th October at the latest. Your first direct debit will be collected on 25th October and the Chromebook will be delivered to school for collection in November.

Are Chromebooks secure?

Yes. Chromebooks are designed with multiple layers of security to keep them safe from viruses and malware without any additional security software. A full 10% of boot time is dedicated to re-verifying that the device has not been tampered with, so every time you power on a Chromebook, your security is checked. Google also adheres to all data policies including GDPR and does not share data with any third parties.

Have other schools benefited from Chromebook roll outs?

Yes! We have spoken to a range of schools who are using the Google suite tools and Chromebooks to great effect. They believe the quality of feedback, ability to collaborate, assessment of students learning and the ease of differentiation are some of the greatest benefits to students learning that they have experienced.

How will Chromebooks enhance learning from the students?

The Chromebook's will work alongside the students Microsoft accounts at school and will enhance their learning. Examples include:

- Create, share and collaborate using Office 365 tools to increase the potential of peer assessment and collaborative learning approaches.
- Organise Homework and support any distance learning.
- Use excellent learning resources from our web-based tools, including up to date and relevant e-textbooks, where appropriate.
- Use digital tools to support research and writing. For example, academic bibliography and citation tools, read aloud and voice recognition tools to promote independent learning.
- Think and behave creatively across their subjects using Cloud Apps for design, planning, animation, mind-mapping, image editing, sound editing, video recording, etc.
- Use subject related Apps.
- Greater opportunities for differentiation.
- Effective assessment for learning to aid long term planning based on students' learning.

Why have we selected Chromebooks?

There is a wide range of tablet and laptop-style devices available on the market. We have conducted extensive research when considering the type of device that would be best suited to students in our school.

A Chromebook looks like a laptop in appearance, but operates in a very different way with students accessing services and Apps online. The Chromebook operating system is produced by Google, who provide a wealth of Apps and services specifically designed to support students in education. Chromebook devices boot-up in a matter of seconds and have a battery life that lasts up to eight hours, dependent on use. Chromebook devices will be managed by Freedom Tech to ensure that access is safe and secure.

Can my child put their own content on to the Chromebook (e.g. music, video, Apps)?

Yes, your child should treat the Chromebook as their own. Therefore, students are able to download non-educational Apps to enjoy at home provided they are appropriate in content.

Who owns the Chromebook?

The device belongs to Freedom Tech whilst the device is subject to a payment plan. The student will be able to use the device 24/7. The student will own the device once the final payment has been made.

Could we 'opt out' of the scheme all together?

We truly believe the introduction of Chromebooks and the use of Google suite tools will enhance learning and teaching. It will enable teachers to really utilise technology to benefit students' learning and therefore ultimately their progress.

Will I be able to use the device in school?

To begin with any device purchased is to be used at home only to support home learning or any future distance learning. In the future we may look to allow students to bring these devices into school, but currently we are not offering this provision.

Who do I contact at school if I have any questions?

Please email admin@oldburywells.com and we will do our best to help you.



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