



John Colet School

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John Colet School Chromebook Programme

JOHN COLET SCHOOL CHROMEBOOK PROGRAMME

The way children access learning both in and out of the classroom has changed dramatically over the past few years; the introduction of computer technology into the classroom has allowed teachers to develop new and exciting ways of delivering lessons and tailor learning to meet individual student needs. This development has accelerated significantly over the past year with the introduction of Google Classroom and e-resources as everyday tools in the classroom and for home learning.

Therefore, as part of your child's learning opportunities at John Colet School we want to provide access to Chromebooks for your students, that will enable them to enrich and extend their learning both in and out of school by allowing them access to a wide range of electronic learning materials at all times. Our intention is to introduce a 1:1 device programme to achieve this objective. 1:1 is extremely popular and there are hundreds already running successfully in schools across the UK.

THE EQUIPMENT ON OFFER

We have selected the Lenovo Chromebook. These Chromebooks are best suited to students at our school.

The Chromebooks are specifically designed for student use with a ruggedised outer casing and enhanced specification to ensure they can withstand all functional requirements.

Fully covered technology - Each device is protected with FreedomTech advanced Repair service for the duration of the programme, giving complete peace of mind.

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 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 £14.47 per month over 33 months. 9, 22 month and Outright options are also available.

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
- Chrome Management Console for E-Safety

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Chromebook – Ruggedised and designed for students
- Chrome Management License
- Fully covered technology – each device is protected with FreedomTech advanced repair service, for the duration of the programme.
- Google Classroom & Apps for Education

HOW DO I PLACE MY ORDER?

***** Please select the year group that your child will be going into in the 2023/24 academic year from September 2023*****

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

Go to: www.tech4learners.co.uk

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

THE PORTAL OPENS ON THE 20th June 2023

THE PORTAL CLOSSES ON THE 10th September 2023

FIRST DIRECT DEBIT ON THE 25th September 2023

Delivery will be to the school and they will distribute to parents / students around Mid October 2023.



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If you have any further questions, please see the additional FAQ section at: www.freedomtech.co.uk/faq

Lenovo 300e Flip & Touch Chromebook 3rd Generation



From £14.47 per month

Outright Purchase also available

9 Months £48.54 p/month
21 Months £21.90 p/month
33 Months £14.47 p/month

*DD bank ref : RSM2000 re FreedomTech

Cash Option /
Outright Purchase £415.87

Price Includes:

- Fully covered technology – each device is protected with FreedomTech advanced repair service, for the duration of the programme.
- Ownership at end – no additional cost
- School Software, Applications, Network Access
- Chrome Management Console

Specification:

- AMD 3015Ce Processor
- 11.6" HD Touchscreen Display
- 4GB DDR4 Memory
- 32GB eMMC
- Dual Band Wireless-AC & Bluetooth 4.2
- Rugged & Flip Design (Turns into a Tablet)



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Frequently Asked Questions

How long can I spread payments over?

You can choose to spread payments over a maximum term of 33 months.

A single up-front payment if you prefer not to spread the cost.

Why are we using this programme?

The benefits of using the FreedomTech programme are:

- A lower monthly payment is available as you can pay for the device over a longer period of time.
- Device cover, Fully covered technology – each device is protected with FreedTech advanced repair service, for the duration of the programme.
- 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.

Is there any financial assistance available?

For students who are eligible for pupil premium funding we will be offering a contribution to the cost of the payment. If you believe your child is eligible for pupil premium funding please ensure you have completed the appropriate application form with the admissions information.

If you are interested in the programme but are experiencing financial hardship, please get in touch with the school for a conversation in confidence, and we will explore what support we can provide.

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.

Please note, payments need to be kept up to date for the cover to be valid.

When will I receive the device?

The ordering window will open 20th June 2023, orders need to be placed by 10th September 2023 at the latest. Your first direct debit will be collected on 25th September 2023 and the Chromebook will be delivered to school for collection around mid October 2023.

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.

How will Chromebooks enhance learning from the students?

The following are examples of how students' learning will be enhanced:

- Create, share and collaborate using the Google suite tools to increase the potential of peer assessment and collaborative learning approaches
- Organise Homework and classwork through Google Classroom allowing easy access
- 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 in the classroom and at home
- Greater opportunities for differentiation within the class to meet students' needs
- Effective assessment for learning in and out of the lesson to both redirect the lesson and aid long term planning based on students' learning

Does this mean exercise books will be outdated?

Most definitely not! Traditional methods of learning and teaching still have an important place in education and will continue in our school. Chromebooks should be seen as an additional educational tool, a tool to enhance learning rather than replace these methods. This will ensure students' handwriting skills continue to be developed.

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.

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.



Frequently Asked Questions

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 when at home. A big part of the success of this scheme will rely on students valuing the Chromebook as part of their wider life and therefore taking care of it, charging it and bringing it to school every day. Therefore, students are able to download non-educational Apps to enjoy at home provided they are appropriate in content.

Why is this Programme specifically for Chromebooks?

This programme is a dedicated Chromebook scheme, rather than a generic Bring Your Own Device scheme. Students will not be able to bring their own laptops or tablets to school. There are several reasons for this. There are greater security issues with introducing laptops to the school IT infrastructure. There is also more potential for peer pressure and pressure on parents to purchase more expensive laptops due to the variation in specifications available. Also, with the myriad of different laptops available, it would be far more difficult for teachers to coordinate these in the classroom.

My child already owns a Chromebook, can they bring this to school instead?

Our preference is for students to use Chromebooks purchased through this programme in school. This allows the school to ensure that the specification of the Chromebooks is most suitable for the educational environment. It also ensures greater cyber security for the school. Lastly, it eliminates issues between students of peer pressure about the specification, look, branding etc of new technology.

However, given the context of the current situation, we understand that some parents have recently purchased Chromebooks specifically for their child's use. We will allow these to be enrolled on our school system for a cost of £35 which covers the management license and administration costs of this process. Whilst the Chromebook is logged in through the John Colet email account it will be managed by the Google Management Suite for John Colet School and also will be protected by our e-safety software. The Chromebook can still be accessed at home using a different google account which is not subject to the John Colet School management.

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 programme 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. That said, if you do not want to be involved in the scheme, teachers will ensure your child's learning is not negatively affected.

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

Please contact Pauline Norris at pnorris@johncolet.co.uk and we will do our best to help you.

How do I log a repair service ticket?

- During term time, please report to the School IT Office, the IT Office will report and log the fault for repair and issue a loan device to use while the repair is undertaken. When repaired and returned to the school, the school will contact the student to swap back the devices.
- Outside of term time, you can log the repair claim at <https://freedomtech.co.uk/help>.
- Complete the requested webform in full to submit a ticket to our repair centre using ticket type 'Broken Device' or 'Claim – Warranty'.
- Once the ticket has been submitted an automated email response containing a unique FTCS_XXXX reference number will be sent to the given email address.
- The repair centre will organise the collection of the device. Contact made within estimated 4 working hours (Monday to Friday)
- The student device will be collected by a courier in a secure box on the arranged date.
- Once repaired the device will be delivered back to the collection address, unless otherwise specified.

If you have any further questions, please see the additional FAQ section at:

www.freedomtech.co.uk/faq

If your query is not answered in our FAQs, Please contact us by visiting :

www.freedomtech.co.uk/help/

Please raise a ticket choosing type "Other" and we will respond to you within 4 working hours

