Starting in Newpark:

Parent/Guardian Information Session #2



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The one-to-one device is intended to further enhance the progress that has been made in digital learning in the School over the last decade.

It is intended that the incorporation of one-toone devices will amplify existing pedagogical practice and add to both the learning and the assessment experience.





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Digital Strategy for Schools (Department of Education)



'to empower schools to harness the opportunities of digital transformation to build digital competence...

...so as to develop competent, critically engaged, active learners while supporting learners to reach their potential and participate fully as global citizens in a digital world'









One-to-one devices foster...

- Independent learning
- Differentiation
- Organisation
- More variety in how learning and assessment happen
- More ways to access the curriculum



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Digital Learning

Taught explicitly in IT class but reinforced across the subjects by using the device

- The difference between a **personal device** and a **school device**
- How to **navigate** the curriculum on a **device**
- How to research a topic online
- How to submit work online
- How to use the **Microsoft apps**



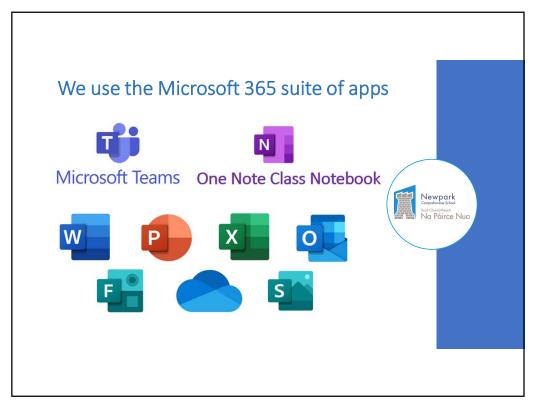
Digital Learning continued

- Communicating online: email and messages
- The difference between personal and work communication: a message to a teacher versus a friend
- Staying safe online, managing passwords, scams, managing your data, privacy
- Problems of false information and how to spot it
- Managing yourself: keeping your device charged, restarting every day, updating every week.



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Safety

- These are managed devices: Wriggle configures them so that we control which apps are on them
- Our school Wi-Fi is filtered to exclude inappropriate material
- We spend a lot of time emphasising to students that this is a school device: they own the device, but we control it and can look at everything on it (AUP and student device agreement in journal)
- There are regular spot checks of devices in school
- Parents/guardians can support us by doing the same at home





Technology for Learning

Setup and configuration:

- Newpark-specific device restrictions are applied to the device
- The device is fully secured for educational use only
- All school apps are preloaded to the device
- New school apps and updates are pushed to your device as required
- Provisioning of all eBook accounts (students will have the same password for all eBook apps)



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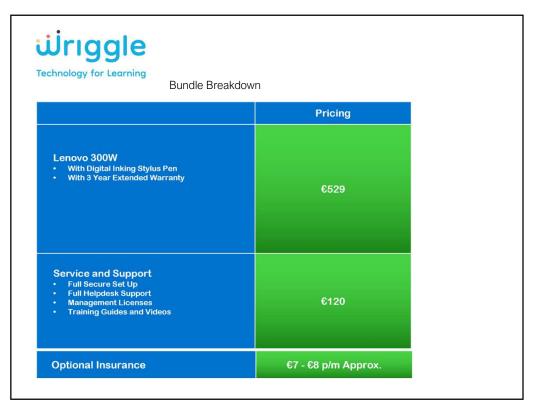
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Help and support:

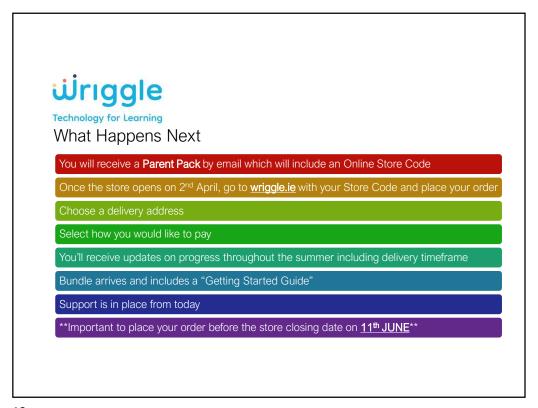
- By telephone 01 5009060
- By email info@wrigglelearning.ie
- Back to school webinars to support you
- How-to guides on Wriggle Connect Family on all sorts of topics, eg: device set-up, Office 365 apps, accessibility tools, uploading homework, etc https://family.wriggleconnect.ie/













How to keep the device safe and running well...

- Make sure your child has a robust case: the case on the Wriggle store page or an equivalent
- We strongly advise buying insurance for the device: there is an option on the Wriggle store page or you can source it elsewhere
- Keep the device away from water (e.g.: keep water bottles in outside pocket of school bag)
- Students should restart the device every day and update it every week – they will be shown this in IT class but please remind at home!
- Students should arrive to school every day with the device fully charged – part of daily routine



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Troubleshooting

Before school starts:

■ Email: info@wrigglelearning.ie

■ Telephone: 01 5009060

Once school has started:

- TY Digital Leaders
- IT class one hour per week
- Email Wriggle and if it isn't resolved quickly email susan.french@newparkschool.ie with the ticket number to be escalated
- Loaner devices if device needs to go to Wriggle to be fixed



When your device arrives...

- Take out the Getting Started Guide and follow it step by step to set up your device.
- Any problems, contact Wriggle support
- You will also get a piece of paper with two sets of passwords: one for the device and one for the eBooks

Please keep both passwords safe



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Books

- Students will have both the hard copy of textbooks and the eBook
- As a general rule, the hard copy of the textbook will live at home and the eBook will be used in school
- A couple of subjects prefer to use the hard copy in the classroom, in which case the book will be kept in the classroom. Students will get a list of what lives where in September.

But crucially...

There should be no movement of textbooks between school and home – textbooks live either in the classroom or at home



Downloading eBooks

- When students get their textbooks, they will need to download their eBooks at home.
- Wriggle has instruction videos on how to do this: please watch them before attempting to download the eBooks, as it is not always intuitive and each publisher works differently!
- This will need to be done during the first weekend after starting in school, so put it in the diary! (subject to information we have yet to receive about how the free books scheme will work)



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So to recap...

- You will get a parent pack via email which will contain instructions and a store code
- Once the store opens on 2nd April, go onto Wriggle.ie and enter the code to get onto the Newpark store
- Order before the deadline on 11th June
- Make sure you have insurance and a robust case (either from the store or equivalent)
- Follow the Getting Started guide closely for a smooth set up
- Be ready to download eBooks on that first weekend after going back to school
- Be familiar with the troubleshooting steps



Next Steps

- Uniform
- Future dates to note
- No device on day one
- Book distribution information by email in due course
- Payments reminder
- No need to own a phone in Newpark
- Note re student social media groups in advance of coming or when they arrive



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Future dates to note

• Assessment session 24th April 2024

• Student campus visits June or August 2024

• First day in school (Provisional) Friday 23rd August 2024

• Autumn information session: September 2024

• Meet the Form Teacher: December 2024

• Parent/Guardian Teacher: March/April 2025





Many thanks for joining this evening.

Queries to rachel.plunkett@newparkschool.ie

Next session (students) – Wednesday 24th April 2024.

