

06th February 2023

iPad Changes to Home Access

Dear parents/ carers,

Thank you very much for your engagement with our new 1:1 iPad initiative and those who managed to attend the two workshops over the last week which allowed parents to experience the use of iPads in the classroom. We had great feedback that this was beneficial and are keen to continue to keep an open communication between us and grown ups at home, as we continue the next phase of the use of iPads to support our children's learning. We are constantly reflecting on this journey with you and your children, monitoring the engagement and educational offer the iPads are providing.

The time spent using the devices within the classroom has been invaluable, and has supported in shaping our educational offer. We are now keen to move forward with our initiative and ensure that our link with homelearning is strengthened. We are aware that homework has not been able to be accessed by the majority of our children at home due to the device management software and lightspeed filtering and monitoring system being in place to ensure our iPads are safe at home. In light of this we would like to change our accessibility restrictions. At the beginning of our staged approach to have iPads at home, Showbie and its features had been locked down. We are now in a position in our school where we can open restrictions for this app. In order to do this we need to make certain changes on other apps and features:

From today, 6th February, the following changes should come about on your child's iPad:

- Showbie will not lock at **3.30pm**.
- Showbie will be accessible for learners at home until **6.45pm**.
- Safari web browser, camera and gallery features will be inaccessible **3.30pm-6.45pm**.
- The usual lock time of **7pm** will take effect until **8am** the next morning.





Making these changes will provide our children with the opportunity to engage in learning completed in school, and teachers can share learning opportunities for children to share with their grown ups at home. We would like to ask parents to have open communication within this next phase roll out and if you see that Safari, gallery or camera can be accessed between 3.30pm-6.45pm please let your class teacher know.

We will continue to set some home learning from this Friday 9th February. We would like our grown ups at home to understand that these tasks are an extension of learning from the classroom, to be used as a way to involve parents in their child's learning. However the main homework we would like to have completed is daily reading for 10-20 minutes, Numbots to aid Maths fluency and then, if you're able to, extend learning by completing the Maths homework and view the spellings your child would have covered this week as part of their SPAG lesson. There is not a need for parents to have homework completed and upload evidence of this.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or feedback please do not hesitate to speak to myself or your class teacher.

Kind regards

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