

Assistive Technology Policy

This will be incorporated into the SEN policy

Where recommended by an appropriate report, the school will make an application to the Department of Education via the Special Education Needs Officer. (SENO).

If the application is successful, the school will purchase the relevant assistive technology.

Laptops

Laptops are used solely in school and are not brought home after school or during the holidays. On leaving Wicklow Educate Together, the school signs over the laptop to the new school.

Usage of laptops is subject to all other policies of Wicklow Educate Together, including the Code of Positive Behaviour and the Acceptable Use Policy.

Where a child has a laptop, the laptop will have wi-fi functionality but will not have network access.

Classroom use:

- The laptop is used to assist the child's learning in school and is used as necessary throughout the school day.
- Where possible, a laptop bag is purchased with the laptop. At the end of the day, the laptop is stored in the bag and given to the class teacher to store securely in a locked cabinet.
- When walking around the room with the laptop, the laptop is closed to protect the screen.

Support classroom use

- Children are taught to type in the support room setting.

- Laptops are closed when being carried between classrooms.

Holiday Storage

- Laptops are signed back in at the end of the year and are stored securely. The support co-ordinator co-ordinates this.

Other Assistive Technology

In the case of other Assistive Technology, it may be necessary for a child to bring that technology home. The principal makes that decision.

I have read and am understood the above policy:

Child's Name:

Signed (Parent / Guardian):

Date:

Serial Number of Assistive Technology: