



Nether Stowe School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It's official, every child in the school now has access to an iPad. We are leading the way across the ATLP partnership, being the first secondary school to achieve the 1 to 1 status. This is fantastic news and is already opening new learning opportunities in lessons. Furthermore, our teachers and students continue to receive training on how to make best use of their devices during school as well as at home.

From Monday all KRP (Knowledge Retrieval Practice) homework will be set via the Showbie App and I'll add details on the [Learning Futures](#) page of the school website, next week, to outline how you can see what has been set and when it is due for submission. You'll also be able to see the tasks your child has been completing in lessons.

Keeping children safe is our number one priority and I would like to remind you the iPads have inbuilt software to monitor student use of the device. We have, accordingly, restricted access to certain features and websites. We have also restricted the hours when the devices can be used to between 0700 and 2300. If you wish to further restrict your child's access to apps, features or hours of operation you can do so by using the JAMF Parent App.

All the details can be found on the [Learning Futures page](#) of the school website. I would **strongly recommend** you explore the opportunities afforded by the use of this app. It has a number of very useful features and allows you to, for example, lock your child into an App for a set period of time to complete a piece of KRP homework.

We want our students to be responsible digital citizens when using their iPads and technology. We also want to give them full access to the range of apps/features and all the learning opportunities this opens up. We also appreciate that teenagers will, sometimes, make a poor choice and we have different users and access profiles which could be applied to help steer them to make the right decisions in the future. Can I ask you to support us in helping them make the best choices by taking a moment to review the <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> website. In addition, all ATLP schools have signed up to Safer Schools. Details will be shared shortly, but once signed up, you'll have access to information about the latest digital trends and how to stay safe.

The hard work of the students and staff at Nether Stowe, in combination with colleagues from ATLP, is really paying off. Your support at home with KRP homework and safeguarding will further enhance our students learning futures.

Regards

Mr Peace
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