



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the world turns ever more digital it is only right that all our children are able to use high quality digital tools to support and develop their learning. I am delighted therefore, to let you know that the City of Edinburgh Council is investing £17.6m in our Empowered Learning project to provide a world class digital environment for all pupils.

Research tells us that children find learning more enjoyable and often make more progress when they use a digital device. Teachers are also able to give instant feedback which speeds up learning. We want every pupil to benefit from this so we will give all learners from Primary 6 to S6 their own iPad to use both at school and at home. Children from Early Years to Primary 5 will have access to a shared iPad at school.

The roll out will take place between now and December 2022 and when your child's school is close to starting, they will send you a link to our customised iPad demonstration on the school website. This will help prepare you and your family so your child can use their new iPad.

As part of the project, your child and their teacher will also have access to training sessions to support them in using their new devices. Dedicated support teams will be available after the devices have been issued to everyone.

I am sure you will have questions about the project so here's a link to all the frequently asked questions that we've had so far - these will be updated on a regular basis.

FAQ: <https://digitaleducationteam.com/empowered-learning/>

If you have any outstanding queries then please feel free to raise these with your child's school.

You can click on the link below to watch a short video with feedback from some of our teachers and students who are already using iPads.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kwyo5xcCN8>

Finally, Empowered Learning is part of a bigger strategy to improve the quality of teaching and learning in our schools. Advances in how we deliver outdoor education, creativity and many other skills are also underway, and we will be in touch about those in due course. For now, I hope you are as excited as we are about this project, and that you get involved and feedback to us so that we can make it a huge success.

Kind regards

Interim Director for Education and Childrens Services