



Enhancing learning for all

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The safety and wellbeing of our young people is our highest priority. Below we have provided some advice on how students should look after their iPad going to and from school, and some age-appropriate safety advice. Pupils should follow this advice in addition to the safety briefing they will receive at school.

What happens if an iPad is lost or stolen?

- If an iPad is lost or stolen, it will not work for anyone else. Once an iPad is reported missing, we can lock it.
 - Once locked, we will track its location and pass this information to the police.
 - In the unlikely event that someone your child does not know asks them for their iPad, they are to give it to them immediately.
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E-safety

With regards to online safety, please see the additional guidance on the Academy website. Please note that the filtering software installed on the iPads are able to track and report inappropriate use.

Primary – Looking after your iPad on the journey to and from school

- Always keep your iPad in its specially made case. This will keep it safe if it's accidentally dropped, and it will protect the screen from anything else in your bag.
- When you are travelling between school and home, keep your iPad in your bag, out of sight. This will help make sure that your iPad does not get damaged or lost. You should only use your iPad outside when your teacher asks you to.
- Only use your iPad where you can hold it carefully. Accidents are more likely to happen if you're moving around or when you're on the bus or train. Wait until you get home or to school before you use it.
- If you damage or lose your iPad, don't worry! Just tell your parents and teacher as soon as possible.
- If we follow these rules we can keep our iPads safe!

Primary – NSPCC advice on what age a child can come home from school alone¹

There's no legal age that your child can travel home from school alone – this is up to you and your best judgement, or your school's rules and policies. However, you should never leave a child alone who isn't ready or is unable to care for themselves – learn more about leaving children home alone.

Every child is different – but some schools advise children under 8 shouldn't walk home without an adult or older sibling.

¹ <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/#homealone>

If you and your child do feel they're ready to come home alone, it helps to go over some rules about staying safe.

- Make sure they know their address and your telephone number by heart, in case they get lost or have to navigate home from somewhere new.
 - If they have a mobile phone, remind them to fully charge it before leaving the house, and make sure they have all your contact numbers saved.
 - Talk to them about road safety. They should always look both ways before crossing the street, and never be on their phone whilst crossing a road.
 - Remind them never to accept a lift from someone they don't know, or let a stranger into the house. They should never give personal information away – in real life or online.
 - Remind them that if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable at any time, they can call you or a trusted adult.
 - If they ever feel like they're in immediate danger, they should call the police straight away on 999.
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Secondary – Looking after your iPad on the journey to and from school

- Always keep your iPad in its specially made case. This will keep it safe if it's accidentally dropped, and it will protect the screen from anything else in your bag.
- Please ensure that when you are on the move you keep your iPad in your bag. Expert advice on how to stay safe when travelling to and from school is to keep your mobile phone and other valuables out of sight.
- If anyone you do not know takes your iPad or asks you for it, let them take it. Then tell a parent when it is safe to do so, and report this to the police. Please let your academy know as soon as possible or call the IT Service Desk on 0207 921 4330.
- Once you let us know that your iPad is missing, we can lock it so no one else can use it. We will then track your iPad's location and we will give this information to the police.

Secondary – Advice on teenagers staying safe²

Below is some general advice for older children and teenagers on how to stay safe while travelling to and from school.

- Stay alert, and keep music low or off so you are aware of your surroundings.
- Stick to busy, well-lit roads, and avoid short cuts through quieter areas.
- If you think someone is following you, consider crossing the road or going to a place with lots of people around, like a bus stop or shop
- If someone tries to take something from you, do not become involved in an argument. It is much safer to let them take the item.
- Consider keeping mobile phones and other valuables out of sight.
- If ever you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, you should call a parent or another trusted adult.
- If you ever feel like you're in immediate danger, you should call the police straight away on 999.

² <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/keeping-young-children-and-teens-safe-while-out-and-about>

