



# St. Lawrence Primary School

## 'KS2 Chromebooks for Learning' Scheme



At St. Lawrence's, we are committed to providing the best learning experience for our children, and preparing them for the wider world outside of school. We strongly believe that having access to the latest technology when and where they need it, gives students the very best chance of success in and beyond the classroom. We are therefore keen to provide our pupils with access to Chromebooks.

Research has confirmed that good home access to technology has a positive impact on a child's educational achievements: it often motivates them to do schoolwork by providing more interesting and engaging ways to learn. Student's work is often better presented so their self-esteem grows and they can explore subjects that interest them in their own time.

However, it is important to state that the use of Chromebooks will not replace but supplement our existing learning strategies.

### What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a kind of laptop computer, running Google Chrome as its operating system. The device is used primarily while connected to the internet, with most applications and data residing in 'the cloud'. Chromebooks differ from a normal laptop in that a robust 'device management system' allows for strict monitoring of use, internet filtering and other vital e-safety restrictions whilst in school.

### ASUS Chromebook Flip C214MA

**Processor:**

Intel® Celeron® Dual-Core N4000/N4100 Processor, 1.1 GHz (4 M Cache, up to 2.6 GHz)

**Operating System:**

Chrome OS

**Chipset:**

Integrated Intel® CPU

**Memory:**

4 GB Onboard memory

**Display:**

11.6" (16:9) HD+ (1366x768) 60Hz Anti-Glare Touchscreen

**Dimensions:**

292 x 199 x 19.5~20.1 mm (WxDxH)

**Networking:**

Wi-Fi: Integrated 802.11a/b/g/n/ac )2x2) Bluetooth® 5.0

**Weight:**

1.1 kg

**Interface:**

1 x COMBO audio jack  
1 x Type-A USB 3.0 (USB 3.1 Gen 1)  
2 x Type-C USB 3.0 (USB 3.1 Gen 1) with display and power delivery support  
1 x Volume up/down  
1 x micro SD card

**Storage:**

32GB eMMC

**Battery:**

3 -Cell 50 Wh Battery

**Warranty:**

3 years PUR warranty (1 year for battery)  
3 years maintenance (excluding parts)

### Why Chromebooks?

There are a wide range of tablet and laptop-style devices available on the market and we have carefully considered the merits of all of them. We have opted for this type of Chromebook because:

- Less than 8 second boot-up time—means there is no time wasted waiting for the device to start-up.
- Long battery life.
- Simple technology.
- Large numbers of computers can be managed centrally.
- Automatic updates, meaning there is no need to purchase new software and install on device.
- Easy student-teacher workflow.
- Research has shown these devices are very reliable and have good longevity.
- They will have a school ready device to support learning from home, if required.
- **THIS MACHINE WILL BE COMPATIBLE WHEN CHILDREN TRANSFER TO CHURCH STRETTON SECONDARY SCHOOL.**





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We understand that committing to this scheme is a major undertaking and we have done our utmost to keep the costs as low as possible and provided a variety of options to suit different needs. Our scheme is an opt in scheme; provision will be made for those students or families that choose not to join it and no student will be made to feel excluded. However, as a school, we firmly believe in the merits of the scheme and the educational benefits of students having their own device.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Can we buy the device without having to pay a monthly contribution?**

Yes, you can, we have a "buy outright option" which gives you the facility to pay up front without the need to undertake a monthly contribution.

#### **Can we keep the device at the end of the scheme?**

Yes, these schemes have been developed to allow you to keep the device at the end. ***The device can also be used at CSS following transition.***

#### **How will the device be used in school?**

The device will be used regularly in school, across the curriculum, but will not be a replacement for traditional learning strategies. One of the benefits of lockdown has been the great strides staff have made in tapping into new ways of presenting and recording learning through digital devices and having regular, consistent access to Chromebooks will allow us to further develop this.

#### **Can we use the device at home?**

YES. Students and parents can use their own personal device at home. Using the Chromebook in school and at home supports our goal of anytime, anywhere learning.

#### **Is there a reason why the school is asking us to contribute?**

We want to help provide a device which can be used effectively at school but is also a great computer for pupils to use at home and not only for school work! By the school brokering a large purchase of the devices and associated packages, we can offer the device to parents with a substantial saving. The school is contributing to the management and software provision of the devices, but does not have the financial resources to pay for all pupils to have their own device. We are acutely aware of the financial contribution we are requesting and have attempted to provide a number of payment methods and support for parents who would find such a purchase difficult.

#### **What happens if our circumstances change and we cannot afford the monthly contribution?**

Sometimes, people's circumstances do change and hence cannot afford to make the contribution. In this instance, please contact the school or Freedom Tech (our scheme administrator). It may be such that we can change the amount to be repaid or offer a payment holiday.

#### **Can we change our mind after entering the scheme?**

***Once the scheme closes***, all the devices are ordered, and we have an ongoing financial commitment that is being paid for by your contribution, ***you will not be able to then decide to opt out.***

#### **Are the parents who contribute to this scheme subsidising those that can't or won't?**

No, parents only pay for their own devices.

#### **What if there is not enough take-up?**

We have to meet a minimum order number (30 devices) to allow the scheme to run. If this is not met we will be unable to operate the scheme at all.



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### Frequently Asked Questions continued

#### **What about parents who do not wish to be part of the scheme?**

We have deemed it necessary that all pupils within your son/daughter's year should have equal access to high quality devices. The school will provide an identical device for use during **school time** only. An annual window will open at the start of each academic year, allowing the next year group and new children to join the scheme.

#### **If a parent does not take part in the scheme will their child be at a disadvantage?**

No, we believe in bridging the digital divide and making this technology available to all children at our school. The school will provide a suitable device for use during **school time** only should a parent not take part.

#### **What happens if I miss a payment, can no longer afford the device or my child leaves the school?**

You must return the device to the school, or alternatively pay the outstanding payments to take ownership of the device.

#### **How do I claim for warranty, accidental damage or theft?**

You will be provided with information on how to make a claim. The school will be able to lend a Chromebook to the student whilst the Chromebook is being repaired or replaced. This is a big benefit as it means the student will always have access to the technology.

#### **Are Chromebooks secure?**

Yes. Chromebooks are designed with multiple layers of security to keep them safe from viruses and malware without any additional security software. A full 10% of boot time is dedicated to re-verifying that the device has not been tampered with, so every time you power on a Chromebook, your security is checked. Google also adheres to all data policies including GDPR and does not share data with any third parties.

#### **Can my child put their own content on to the Chromebook (e.g. music, video, Apps)?**

The Chromebooks would be logged into using the students school GSuite account enabling access to the educational content and applications available via the Google Classroom Solution. Outside of school hours the student or parent can log into the Chromebook using a personal account. This means we can lock down the school account to specified educational extensions and apps, but the personal account could install games from the Play Store if the child chooses. The good thing is we can easily change this post deployment if the school changes their mind.

#### **What about e-Safety when my child is on the device unsupervised?**

We want to help your child to become a better digital citizen within a protected environment. Whilst Teachers and parents can support and advise our children, we understand that there are times your child will be using their device unsupervised which is why we include Senso software in and out of school, offering 24hr protection, all words entered by your child are recorded giving the teacher the chance to support rather than restrict. The monitoring by Senso on the e-Safety side is only completed against the school user account, not the personal account used by student or parent

#### **What other benefits are there?**

As well as the most important E-safety protection your child's device comes pre-configured to access all of the educational applications and resources. Once signed into their device your child will benefit from Single Sign-on in School and at home meaning that in most cases your child only has to sign into the device to access secure services. Remote device management, if your child has a problem with the device our schools technical team can view the device logs remotely and can advise or resolve the issue remotely, if required we also have the ability to remotely wipe a problematic device & restore it.



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### Option 1—Leasing

Parents and carers commit to fixed monthly payments, and can spread the cost with no personal credit check required. The monthly payment provides:

- ASUS C214MA Flip & Touch Chromebook
- Chrome Education License & Senso filtering and safeguarding software
- 3 Year Warranty including FTAS swap out (loan device whilst original is away being repaired)
- 3 Years Accidental Damage & Theft protection including FTAS swap out & £0 excess
- **You keep the device at the end of the agreement**

**All payment terms include the 3 Year Warranty & 3 Year Accidental Damage & Theft protection as standard**

A range of lease lengths are available, depending on the year group of your child.

Child's Year Group	12 month lease	Total cost over 12 months	17 month lease	Total cost over 17 months	24 month lease	Total cost over 24 months	29 month lease	Total cost over 29 months	36 month lease	Total cost over 36 months
3	£39.00	£468.00	Not available		£20.83	£499.92	Not available		£14.75	£531.00
4	£39.00	£468.00	Not available		£20.83	£499.92	£18.31	£530.99	Not available	
5	£39.00	£468.00	£29.40	£499.80	Not available					
6	Sorry this option is not available—outright purchase required									

### Option 2—Outright Purchase

Parents and Carers purchase the device via the portal, which includes: ASUS C214 Flip Chromebook and a Chrome Education License for a one off payment of **£440.90**.

**Outright purchase also includes 3 Year Warranty & 3 Year Accidental Damage & Theft protection as standard.**

### Option 3

You can, if you wish, purchase a Chromebook elsewhere for your child to use in school. It must meet the same specifications as the device we are offering, and you will also need to order a 'Google Education Licence' through the school to allow it to benefit from the applications and device management. This is a one-off cost of **£20**.

### Savings via the Programme

Whether opting to pay in full or spread the cost monthly, the savings via the programme are significant. Chromebook via Asus Store = £339.99, Chrome license = £20.00, Senso filtering & safeguarding = £36.00, 3 Year accidental damage & theft protection = £125.64 (ProtectmyBubble @ £3.49 p/m), Warranty including FTAS is not available on the high street. If paying in full this would save you £80.73 via the Freedom Tech Programme.

### How to order

Visit our partner's online ordering portal: [www.tech4learners.co.uk](http://www.tech4learners.co.uk)

Username: **StLawrence21**

Password: **S3cure02!**

Choose the option that best suits and fill in the payment details.

Please note that orders must be placed within this timeframe:

**Portal opens—18-1-21**

**Portal closes—10-2-21**

**First direct debit—25-2-21**

Delivery before Easter 2021 (date TBC)

