

Devices for Digital Leaning (Secondary)

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Our Digital Journey

Our history:

Since 2013, Deira International School has consistently integrated technology into every classroom to enrich student learning and engagement. Over the past five years, our Secondary School students have embraced this opportunity with maturity and digital responsibility — using their personal devices to explore, create, and demonstrate their learning in ways that foster both academic excellence and self-confidence.

Our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme has been a cornerstone of this evolution, empowering students to access the tools they need to think critically, collaborate effectively, and take ownership of their learning journey.

Today, Deira International School stands at the forefront of digital innovation in education within the UAE. Our pioneering work in educational technology and artificial intelligence has been recognised both locally and internationally, with staff and students regularly praised for their commitment to future-focused teaching and learning.

We remain dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive, and forward-thinking digital environment — one where students are not only users of technology, but confident, ethical, and creative contributors to the world around them.

Our vision:

At Deira International School, our vision is to empower students to use digital tools purposefully, ethically, and creatively — equipping them to become confident, future-ready global leaders. Through our use of the Microsoft Office 365 Education platform, we provide a secure, personalised digital learning environment that supports every student's academic journey. This environment fosters collaboration, independence, and innovation, ensuring that students develop the digital fluency required for success in secondary school, higher education, and the evolving global workplace.

Our commitment to responsible and impactful technology use ensures that students not only adapt to the digital world — they are prepared to shape it.







Our Digital Classrooms:

All students at Deira International School are required to bring a personal device to school from the first day of term. This device must meet the specifications outlined in this document to ensure full compatibility with our digital learning environment.

Our Microsoft Office 365 platform enables teachers to extend their learning beyond the physical classroom, creating a seamless and secure environment where students can access lessons, assignments, and resources anytime, anywhere.

Every student at DIS is provided with 24/7 access to class content across all subjects, both in school and remotely. To guarantee the best experience, it is essential that each device supports both the online Office 365 services and the full Office 2021 desktop suite.

As part of our Office 365 for Education subscription, each student receives five complimentary licences to the full Microsoft Office suite. These can be installed on multiple personal devices at home to further support learning continuity and flexibility.

Our Digital Environment

The launch of our Digital Classrooms in 2022 marked a significant step forward in transforming the learning experience at Deira International School. This initiative created a consistent, secure, and collaborative digital environment across all subjects, allowing every student to engage meaningfully with their learning both in school and beyond.

Since then, our digital ecosystem has continued to evolve. The introduction of ViewSonic interactive screens with built-in PCs across classrooms has further elevated the learning experience. These powerful displays have enhanced teaching delivery, classroom interaction, and student engagement — offering seamless access to digital tools, dynamic modelling, and real-time collaboration.

In more recent years, the integration of cutting-edge educational software and a growing range of Al-powered platforms has expanded what is possible in the classroom. From personalised learning pathways in Century Tech, to creative expression in Canva, to real-time insights and questioning via ClassPoint Pro, our students are now engaging with technologies that mirror the innovation they will encounter in future academic and professional environments.

Al tools such as Magic School, and age-appropriate access to platforms like Suno, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, and Microsoft CoPilot, have begun to shape a new dimension of learning at DIS—one where critical thinking, ethical Al use, and future skills are embedded across the curriculum.

The result is a richer, more flexible, and future-ready digital learning environment that continues to support every child in achieving their full potential.





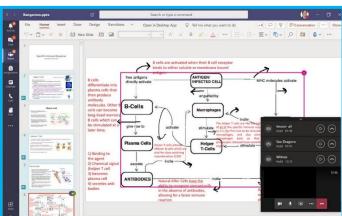
Communication

Microsoft Teams continues to be the central hub of our digital classrooms at Deira International School. Much like a physical classroom, it allows every teacher to create a tailored digital space that reflects their subject specialism, teaching style, and the needs of their students.

Through Teams, your child will:

- Access lesson resources and assignments
- Collaborate with peers in group channels
- Submit classwork and receive timely feedback
- Participate in discussions, quizzes, and interactive activities
- Stay informed with announcements, homework, and key deadlines

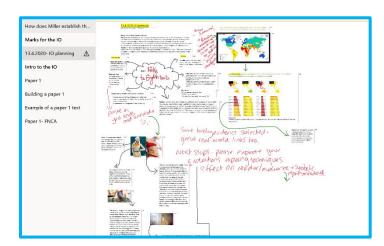
Teams integrates seamlessly with OneDrive, OneNote, and the full Microsoft Office suite, ensuring that students have a secure, reliable, and structured space to manage their learning — whether at school or at home. It is used across all subjects to ensure consistency, organisation, and ongoing academic support.



OneNote Class Notebook

OneNote Class Notebook is your child's digital copybook, fully integrated into Microsoft Teams and accessible anytime, anywhere. It remains one of the core platforms supporting day-to-day learning across all subjects at Deira International School.

Since its successful introduction in 2021–22, OneNote has continued to play a central



role in delivering high-quality learning experiences. Now used alongside other key platforms such as Teams, Canva, Magic School, and ClassPoint Pro, it enables students to engage in learning that is fluid, student-led, and collaborative.

Students benefit from having an organised, subject-specific notebook where they can complete classwork, make notes, revise, and receive real-time, personalised feedback from their teachers.





Pages can include typed work, handwritten input using a stylus, embedded videos, voice notes, and more.

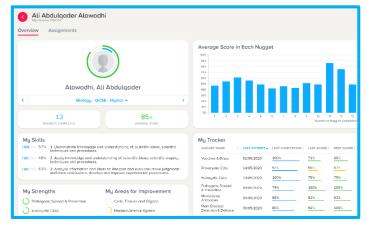
By combining OneNote with our broader digital ecosystem, students are able to move seamlessly between independent tasks, group collaboration, and teacher-supported activities. It supports flexible learning pathways and helps students build confidence, responsibility, and ownership over their academic progress.

OneNote helps ensure that learning at DIS is no longer confined to the classroom — it's mobile, interactive, and built around each learner

Tailored Learning Resources

At Deira International School, the high standards we uphold in our physical classrooms are equally reflected in our digital learning environments. Whether online or offline, our focus remains on delivering high-quality teaching, personalised learning, and meaningful student progress.

To support this, we have adopted platforms



such as CENTURY Tech and Socrative to enhance independent learning across subjects. These tools allow students to work at their own pace, revisit key concepts, and challenge themselves through adaptive questioning and automated feedback.

All independent learning tasks are carefully monitored by class teachers, who review student performance, adjust content as needed, and provide follow-up support. This ensures that each learner is progressing in a way that suits their ability, confidence level, and academic goals. These platforms not only develop independent study habits, but also encourage reflective thinking, resilience, and deeper understanding — key skills for long-term academic success.

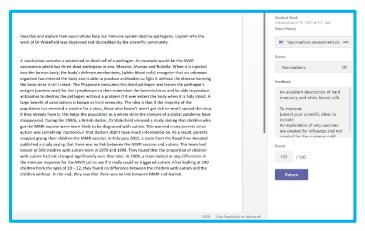




Assignments

Setting and completing assignments is a vital part of your child's learning journey, helping to consolidate understanding, track progress, and build independent study habits.

At Deira International School, the
Assignment function within Microsoft Teams
plays a key role in supporting this process.



Teachers use this feature to set tasks, share important deadlines, provide resources, and deliver personalised feedback — all within a centralised and easy-to-access platform.

This system has significantly enhanced communication between students and teachers, ensuring that expectations are clear and feedback is timely. It also allows students to manage their workload, develop organisational skills, and access support when needed.

The effectiveness of this approach was particularly evident during the most recent academic year, where the Teams Assignment function was used successfully to administer and manage End of Year examinations across the Secondary School.

Revision & Study Support Platforms

To support independent learning and academic revision, we proudly offer access to a powerful blend of licensed and free source age-appropriate digital tools. These platforms are monitored by teachers and designed to personalise the revision journey, track progress, and boost motivation:

CENTURY Tech

An Al-powered learning platform that adapts to each student's needs in English, Maths, and Science. Used across Key Stage 3 and 4 to identify gaps, revisit topics, and prepare for assessments.

Education Perfect

Provides interactive content across a range of subjects with immediate feedback. Used widely in MFL, Science and Humanities for revision, quizzes and practice tasks. Suitable for Key Stage 3–5.

Sparx Maths

An adaptive homework and revision platform ensuring mastery of concepts in Maths. Compulsory in lower secondary and beneficial for all learners.





Magic School Al

From Y7 upward, this platform leverages age-appropriate AI tools to support summarising, question generation, and explanation. Encourages metacognition and critical thinking when revising.

• Canva for Education

Enables creative visual revision tools such as flashcards, posters, presentations and timelines. All secondary students have full access via school accounts.

Microsoft Teams + OneNote

Assignments, feedback, revision documents and Class Notebook spaces all support student revision. Students can return to annotated content and teacher modelling at any time.

NotebookLM (Google)

For students aged 13+, this AI assistant helps students' study by turning class materials into outlines, FAQs and summaries. A valuable research companion for higher year groups.

ChatGPT / Perplexity / Claude / Gemini

While powerful, these AI tools are only permitted from **Year 10 onwards** with teacher guidance. Their use is focused on enhancing explanation, retrieval practice, and comparative revision. All usage must comply with age restrictions and our **AI Acceptable Use Policy**.

Secondary Independent Learning Platform

Our DIS secondary school independent learning platform is designed to support and empower students in their academic journey. We understand that balancing schoolwork and extracurricular activities can be challenging, which is why we've created a platform that provides students with access to a wide range of resources to help them stay organised and on top of their studies. Our platform features a library of previous years' papers, study guides, and interactive tutorials that are tailored to meet the needs of students. These resources are not only useful for completing home learning assignments, but also for preparing for exams and developing important academic skills. One of the unique features of our platform is its focus on the International Baccalaureate (IB) learner attributes. The IB learner profile promotes international-mindedness and a lifelong love of learning.

<u>Secondary Independent Learning Platform</u>

Our platform is designed to help students develop these attributes by providing them with resources that encourage them to become:





- **Inquirers**: We provide students with access to a wide range of information and resources that allow them to explore their interests and passions.
- **Knowledgeable**: Our platform is filled with study guides and tutorials that help students deepen their understanding across a variety of subjects.
- **Thinkers**: We encourage students to think critically and creatively by providing resources that challenge their thinking and problem-solving skills.
- **Communicators**: Interactive tutorials and digital resources support students in developing clear and effective communication skills.
- Principled: Our platform promotes ethical behaviour and academic integrity, helping students make responsible decisions in a digital world.
- Open-minded: We encourage exploration of diverse perspectives, cultures, and ideas, fostering openness and adaptability.
- **Caring**: We promote empathy and compassion through our learning tools, encouraging students to support one another in their learning journeys.
- **Risk-takers**: Students are encouraged to take academic risks and engage in new learning experiences with resilience and confidence.
- **Balanced**: We emphasise the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between academic commitments and personal well-being.
- **Reflective**: Our platform supports student self-reflection, helping them take ownership of their learning and set personal goals for improvement.

Our platform is user-friendly and easy to navigate, making it simple for students to find what they need, when they need it. It is a core part of our commitment to ensuring every student at DIS has the tools and opportunities to succeed.





Device Recommendations

Device specifications

To ensure your child can fully engage in our digital learning environment, all students in the Secondary School are required to bring a personal device that meets the following criteria from the first day of term:

Minimum Requirements - All Devices Must:

- Be fully compatible with Microsoft Office 365 (including full access to OneNote Class Notebook and Teams)
- Include a built-in camera
- Have a physical keyboard (either attached or detachable)

Recommended Specifications – To Optimise the Learning Experience:

- Touch screen functionality to support interactive learning
- A stylus for digital inking, allowing students to write, annotate and draw directly on the screen
- Dual cameras (front and rear) to enable photography and scanning of handwritten or practical work
- Operating system: Windows 11 (for best compatibility and future-proofing)

Important Note:

Please do **not** purchase iPads (including iPad Pro, iPad Air, standard iPads, or iPad Minis) for use in Secondary School. These devices do **not** provide the full functionality required for our Microsoft 365 learning tools, especially Teams, OneDrive and OneNote Class Notebook, and are therefore not suitable for secondary-level academic learning at DIS.





Mr. Birrell's Recommendations

Mr Birrell's recommendation 1: Microsoft Surface Pro 11th Edition 13", Copilot+ PC, X Plus (LCD) / 16GB Ram / 512GB / Win 11 Home / Platinum / Wi-Fi + Surface Pro Signature Copilot Keyboard English & Arabic (W/ Slim Pen 2)

Why This Device Stands Out for DIS Learners

- 2-in-1 Versatility: Combines the flexibility of a tablet with the power of a laptop—perfect for both creativity and productivity in all subjects.
- Al-Ready: Built-in Microsoft Copilot tools support smart writing, summarising, and note-taking to enhance learning.
- Natural Inking: The Slim Pen 2 offers a precise handwriting and drawing experience, ideal for subjects like Maths, Science, and Art.
- Multilingual & Future-Proof: Dual-language keyboard (English & Arabic) supports our diverse learners and prepares them for a global academic future.
- Optimised for Office 365: Seamless integration with Teams, OneNote, Word, and more.

Summary:

The Surface Pro 11 is a high-performance, Al-enabled learning device that supports everything from digital note-taking to creative thinking. It's portable, powerful, and purpose-built for your child's success at DIS.









Mr Birrell's Recommendation 2: HP Elite Dragonfly G4 (13.5" Touchscreen Laptop) Key Specs: Display: 13.5" WUXGA+ or OLED touchscreen (3:2 ratio – ideal for documents & inking), Processor: Intel Core i7 (13th Gen, Al-ready), Memory & Storage: 16GB RAM, 512GB SSD, OS & Connectivity: Windows 11 Pro, Wi-Fi 6E, Thunderbolt 4, Features: Touchscreen, stylus support, backlit keyboard, ultra-lightweight (under 1kg), enterprise-grade security

Why This is an Excellent Choice for DIS Students

- Touch + Pen Ready: Ideal for note-taking, sketching, and creative work across all subjects.
- Fully Compatible: Runs all required school software—Office 365, Teams, OneNote,
 ClassPoint, Century Tech, Canva Al, Magic School, and more.
- Portable and Durable: Lightweight and made from recycled materials—built for school bags and long-term use.
- Al-Enhanced: Supports Microsoft CoPilot and other age-appropriate Al tools to future-proof learning.
- Secure: Enterprise-level protection with HP Wolf Security to keep student data safe.

Summary:

The Dragonfly G4 is a premium, future-ready device that supports both creativity and academic success. Its touchscreen versatility and lightweight design make it perfect for the demands of modern, independent, and digital learning at DIS.





Mr Birrell's recommendation 3:

Asus ExpertBook B1, Processor: Intel i7-1355U, Memory & Storage: 16GB DDR4 RAM, 512GB PCIe Gen 4 SSD, Operating System: Windows 11 Pro (OEM Installed), Keyboard: English & Arabic, Security: Fingerprint sensor, TPM 2.0, Kensington Lock Slot, Graphics: Intel Integrated (UMA)

Why This Device Is a Smart Choice for DIS Secondary Students

- Reliable Performance: With a powerful i7 processor and 16GB RAM, the ExpertBook B1
 handles multitasking across Office 365 tools, research, and revision platforms with ease.
- Enterprise-Level Security: Features like a fingerprint sensor, TPM 2.0 encryption, and BIOS-level protection keep your child's learning environment safe and secure.
- Built for Learning: A full-sized keyboard, bilingual layout (English/Arabic), and robust Windows
 11 Pro system ensure compatibility with Teams, OneNote, and our full digital ecosystem.
- Durable & Practical: Lightweight but sturdy, making it ideal for everyday use at school and home.

Summary:

The Asus ExpertBook B1 delivers strong performance, excellent security features, and full Office 365 compatibility—all at a competitive price point. A dependable device to support your child's learning across all subjects at DIS.





Purchasing Options

There are two options available for Deira International School parents when purchasing electronic devices for your child:

- 1) Purchase a discounted device from the school approved vendor <u>JTRS.</u>
- 2) Purchase from a store of your choice.

Available Offers

JTRS

With 15 years of experience in providing schools worldwide with tailored educational technology, <u>JTRS</u> have partnered with Deira International School to provide parents with discounts on recommended educational devices according to your child's learning needs. They have worked closely with schools and families in Dubai such as Brighton College, JESS and UAS to support the purchase and maintenance of learning devices.

Please use the link below to access the JTRS interactive online brochure, which includes device options and a guide to their online store.

Link for children attending years 7- IB2, click here





Warranty Information

Essential Information

We recommend that you get your child's device covered under a warranty that covers accidental damage, which is valid in the UAE upon purchase of the warranty and the device. It is essential that this warranty covers the entire school year.

Warranty for new Surface devices

The recommended warranty for Surface devices is the Redington warranty supplied b JTRS, which can be purchased on the relevant portal at the same time as the device.

The warranty starts at the date of purchase

- It covers accidental damage
- It includes guided software support
- It includes one device swap; in case the Surface cannot be repaired
- It does not cover someone else other than your child using the device
- It does not cover theft

Device Support

If you require support for your child's device, call Redington on **800 367873**. Redington will then lead you through their remote diagnostics and repair process over the telephone. If you require further aid, they will pick up the device and take it to an approved service centre. A replacement for your device is guaranteed within 48 hours. If a repair is required during a school week, please provide a receipt to the IT Management at school, where a back-up device would be provided until your child's device is repaired. You can also email Redington for support. You would need details of the device and the warranty purchase to hand. The Redington aftercare portal can be accessed here.





Initial set up of your device

Initial setup of your device must be completed before it is "school ready" for September 2025.

Setting up the device:

- We recommend that a parent supports the initial set up of the device
- An admin account can be set up for your child with filtered access to stores
- You can also set a parental admin account on the device if you wish

Passwords and antivirus software

It is essential that

- The device is protected with a passcode that both you and your child know
- There is antivirus downloaded on to the device. We recommend the antivirus <u>TotalAV</u>.

Click here to go to the TotaAV website on your device.

We recommend that essential updates and app downloads be completed on a regular basis on your home internet connection.

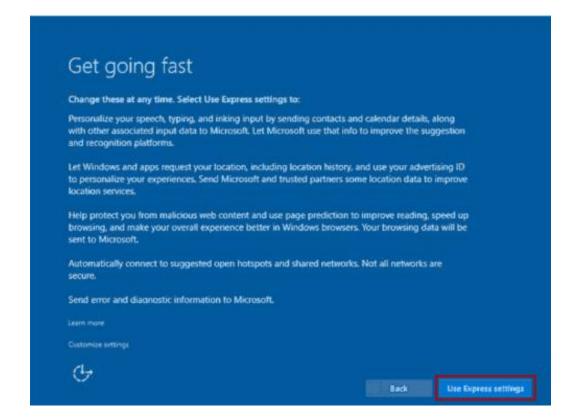




Setting up a Microsoft device

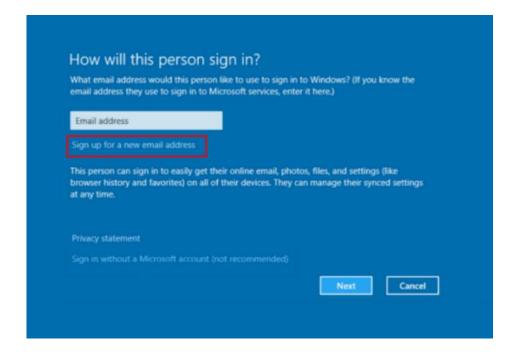
If you have a new device, follow these steps to get it ready for classroom use.

- 1. Turn on your device by pressing and releasing the power button on the side of the device. You will see a blue screen.
- 2. When asked, choose your language. Select your user interface colour.
- 3. Accept the licence terms.
- 4. Connect to your home Wi-Fi when prompted.
- 5. Select "Use express settings" to use the default settings for the device.

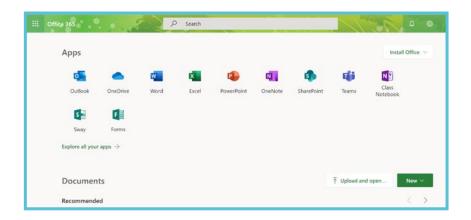




6. Create an account on the device and sign in. This is not your child's Office 365 account. This is an account you are making to use the device. You can do this by signing up for a new email address with your own personal details. Please keep a note of your new email account and password in a safe place.



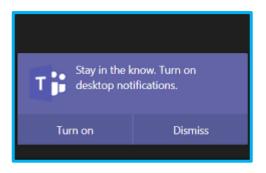
- 7. Your device will then complete the set up and go onto the home screen.
- 8. Use Edge, the internet browser, to search for Office 365.



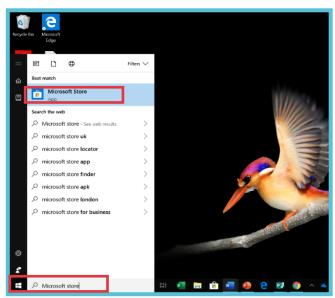


- Your child will then need to log in to their <u>school</u>
 Office 365 account. This will activate the website.

 They can then log in to Teams.
- 10. When prompted, please turn on notifications for Teams. This means that your child will receive live time alerts for any notifications from any of their classes.



11. Click on the Windows icon on the bottom left corner. In the "Type here to search bar", type "Microsoft Store".



12. Use this store to download the recommended apps.





Recommended Apps



Power BI

<u>Power Bl</u> is a collection of software services, apps, and connectors that work together to turn your unrelated sources of data into coherent, visually immersive, and interactive insights. Your data may be an Excel spreadsheet, or a collection of cloud-based and on-premises hybrid data warehouses.

Liquid Text



<u>LiquidText</u> offers a fast, natural way to review, gather, and organise information across all your documents: then apply the results to writing reports, meeting prep, or simply studying. Pull out key facts and connect them together, squeeze a document to compare sections, draw a line to connect ideas in different documents, comment on multiple pages at once, build upon your thoughts, and much more.

Grammarly



When you're writing your first draft, it's common to find spelling mistakes, poorly written sentences, or punctuations used incorrectly. <u>Grammarly</u> is a useful app for students that improves writing quality by identifying and correcting errors related to spelling, vocabulary, and sentence structure.

Minecraft Education



Minecraft Education is a game-based platform that inspires creative, inclusive learning through play. Our students can explore blocky worlds that unlock new ways to tackle any subject or challenge. They can dive into subjects like reading, maths, history and coding with lessons and standardised curriculum designed for all types of learners. Or explore and build together in creative open worlds. It can be downloaded on the Microsoft Store.



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Maths Solver



Microsoft Math Solver is an entry-level educational app that solves math and science problems. Developed and maintained by Microsoft, it is primarily targeted at students as a learning tool. It can be downloaded on the Microsoft Store.

Power Planner

<u>Power Planner</u> is the ultimate homework planner for students, featuring online sync with iOS and Android apps, grade calculation, live tiles, automatic reminders, and more.

With Power Planner's online account, you can stay on top of homework assignments from your desktop, iPhone, Android, and web browser!

Power Planner lets you manage terms, enter classes with time schedules and room locations, add assignments and exams, receive automatic reminders about upcoming homework, and more.



Magic School

Magic School is a safe and school-focused AI assistant designed to support students and teachers alike. It can help explain tricky topics, reword tasks, provide examples, and generate study questions. Built for education, it champions critical thinking and curiosity.



Canva for Education

Canva Education empowers students to design high-quality posters, presentations, and infographics with ease. It is widely used across subjects like Business, Media, Computing, and Art to develop visual literacy and digital creativity. With built-in Al tools such as Magic Write, Text to Image, and Presentation Assistant, students can brainstorm ideas, enhance visuals, and streamline their workflow—all while building future-ready skills in communication and design.





Microsoft Learning Accelerators

These built-in Office 365 tools boost progress in reading, maths, research, and writing. From Reading Progress to Search Coach and Reflect, they personalise learning and help teachers support individual growth.

Microsoft Lens

Microsoft Lens is a powerful scanning app that allows students to take pictures of whiteboards, printed documents, or handwritten notes and convert them into editable Word, PDF, or OneNote files. For secondary students, this is ideal for digitising their classwork, revision notes, or homework sheets. It encourages organisation and supports independent study, especially when submitting handwritten work or archiving revision materials.

Microsoft Whiteboard

This digital canvas promotes collaborative thinking, making it perfect for mind-mapping, planning projects, or brainstorming essay ideas. In secondary classrooms, students can use Whiteboard to co-create diagrams, solve maths problems together, or visualise concepts in science and geography. It's also great for revision sessions, either individually or in groups, and integrates seamlessly with Teams.

Microsoft To Do

Microsoft To Do is a smart digital planner that helps students manage their workload effectively. They can create task lists, set reminders for deadlines, track homework and even break larger projects into manageable steps. It supports the development of organisational and time-management skills — essential for success in secondary school and beyond.



Microsoft Immersive Reader

Built into apps like Word, OneNote and Teams, Immersive Reader helps students improve comprehension and focus by reading text aloud, breaking it into syllables, and offering visual grammar support. This is especially beneficial for students with dyslexia, EAL needs, or those who struggle with reading stamina. It enables inclusive learning and boosts confidence when working with challenging texts.

Flip (formerly Flipgrid)

Flip is a video-based platform where students respond to teacher prompts by recording short video responses. It's a brilliant way to encourage oral communication skills, particularly in subjects like English, humanities, or MFL. Flip also allows quieter students to express themselves confidently and can be used for reflections, project updates, or debates.





Frequently Asked Questions

What is the benefit of using Office 365 for my child?

Office 365 creates a seamless learning experience between school and home. Your child can access class materials, submit assignments, receive teacher feedback, and stay connected with classmates—all in one secure platform. It helps them stay organised, take responsibility for their learning, and make the most of every opportunity to grow.

What is the difference between Office 2019 & 2021 and Office 365?

Office 2019 and Office 2021 are one-time purchase versions of Microsoft Office that are installed on a single device and do not receive regular feature updates. In contrast, Microsoft 365 (formerly Office 365) is a cloud-based subscription that includes always up-to-date versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and more.

Microsoft 365 allows your child to save and access their work securely online, collaborate in real-time with classmates, and access their files across multiple devices—perfect for modern learning in and out of the classroom.

What protection should we give the devices?

We strongly recommend that your child's device is fitted with a durable hard case to guard against accidental damage. A protective carry bag is also advised to safely store the device and any accessories (such as chargers, styluses, or headphones). Additionally, it is essential that an up-to-date antivirus programme is installed and activated before the device is brought to school to ensure safe and secure use on the school network.

Can the devices be charged at school?

It is your child's responsibility to arrive at school each day with a fully charged device. Charging facilities are not routinely available in classrooms. In some cases, such as in the library or certain specialist rooms (like science labs), students may be permitted to charge their device at the discretion of the teacher. However, this is considered a privilege, not a guaranteed provision. Developing good charging habits at home is essential.

How do the students keep their devices safe in school?

To help protect their devices and data, all students must secure their device with a passcode and ensure that "Find My Device" is activated. During break and lunchtime, devices should be stored in the student's locked locker. Devices must be taken home every evening for charging and safekeeping. Students are strongly discouraged from leaving devices unattended or on charge at any time during the school day. Responsible digital habits are an essential part of our school's culture.





How is AI used at Deira International School?

At DIS, AI is used to enhance learning, streamline feedback, and personalise education. Tools like Magic School, Canva AI, Microsoft Copilot, and ChatGPT (13+) are integrated across subjects to support research, writing, revision, creativity, and critical thinking. Our goal is to prepare students for the future by building digital fluency and responsible AI usage.

Are all AI tools suitable for my child's age?

We strictly follow age-appropriate guidelines. Tools like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, and Suno are only introduced to students aged 13 and above, and always under the guidance of a teacher. Any Al use is monitored and purposeful, supporting curriculum goals and digital citizenship.

How do you ensure AI is used responsibly?

All students are educated on AI ethics, digital footprint, and intellectual honesty. We teach them to use AI to support their thinking, not replace it. AI-generated work must be acknowledged, and plagiarism is not tolerated. Students learn how to critically evaluate AI outputs and develop strong academic integrity.

Can students use AI at home?

Yes, where appropriate and with parental awareness. We encourage families to have conversations about safe and productive AI use at home, mirroring the values we teach in school: respect, responsibility, and reflection.

What are the benefits of using AI tools in learning?

Al helps students generate ideas, organise information, revise for exams, and receive faster feedback. Tools like Magic School Al help scaffold tasks, while Canva Al supports visual learning. It's not about replacing the teacher — it's about empowering the learner.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding our digital learning environment, device requirements, or recommended applications, please contact our Whole School Educational Technology Lead, Mr.

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