Personal Learning Device (PLD) Initiative

Briefing for Parents

Intended Outcomes of the PLD Initiative

The use of the PLD for teaching and learning aims to:

Support the Development of Digital Literacy

Support Self-Directed and Collaborative Learning

Enhance Teaching and Learning

How will your child use the Personal Learning Devices

- Curate information, create digital products and communicate and collaborate with others digitally.
- Use different online platforms for learning inside and outside classroom.
- Use productivity tools (note-taking, scheduling of homework, online storage) to inculcate self-directed strategies that improve productivity.
- Able to learn effectively and responsibly with their PLDs.

Supporting Students in the Safe and Effective Use of the Devices

The school has measures in place to enable a safer digital environment for learning with the use of PLDs, e.g.

- Classroom Management and Routines : Acceptable Use Policy

- Educating students on Cyber Wellness

- Partnering parents/guardians to ensure that students are well-supported in their use of technology for learning

- Device Management Application (DMA)

Device Management Application Installation

- Your child's/ward's PLD will be installed with a Device Management Application (DMA) to provide a safer digital environment for learning.

- Installation of the DMA will be performed after the collection of the device. Students will be guided on the installation.

- This applies to both devices purchased through the school and student-owned devices.

- The DMA will funded by MOE and will be uninstalled from the device when your child/ward graduates/leaves the school.

In-School DMA Settings (Default)

Schools will determine DMA settings for **in-school use**. As a default, these settings will continue to be in place after school as well:

- MOE and the school will set the level of web content filtering, including filtering out objectionable content or content that may not be conducive to teaching and learning (e.g. social media, pornography, gambling, or websites containing extremist content)

- Students will be able to use the device from 7 a.m. to 11p.m daily

- The school will determine the apps and programs to be installed to support teaching and learning

Providing Parents/Guardians with Greater Choice for After-School PLD Use

The school will provide parents/guardians with more information on exercising the options.

Default	Option A	Option B
In-school DMA settings will continue after school hours	**Parents/Guardians can modify the DMA settings after school hours**	**Parents/Guardians can choose to disable DMA after school hours**
For parents/guardians who want their child's/ward's use of the device to be restricted only to teaching and learning, and prefer to leave it to the school to decide on DMA settings after school hours.	For parents/guardians who want more leeway over the use of the device, and prefer to take charge of the level of restrictions for their child's/ward's use of the device after school hours.	For parents/guardians who do not want their child's/ward's use of the device to be regulated by DMA after school.

- Having default school settings continue after school hours is the best option for parents/guardians who prefer not to, or do not feel ready to manage their child's/ward's device use on their own.
- Parents/guardians can request to change their choice of DMA settings at any time.

Providing Parents/Guardians with Greater Choice for After-School PLD Use

	Default	**Option A**	**Option B**
Protecting students from objectionable content	MOE/school sets level of web content filtering	Parents/Guardians can apply additional content filtering	No content filtering
Reduce distractions from learning through control of applications	Parents/Guardians and students are **unable** to install additional applications	Parents/Guardians and/or students can install additional applications after school hours, but these applications are disabled during school hours	
Limit screen time	School sets hours during which students are able to use the device online	Parents/Guardians can modify the amount of screen time*	No control over screen time

*Screen time limits set by the school will override parents'/guardians' settings during school hours.

Providing Parents/Guardians with Greater Choice for After-School PLD Use

	Default	Option A	Option B
Parent/guardian account	Provided to allow monitoring of PLD activities after school hours		Not provided
Monitor students' cyber activities	Parents/Guardians can track their child's/ward's browser history after school hours		Parents/Guardians will **<u>not</u>** be able to monitor or control their child's/ward's use of the device through the DMA after school hours No data will be collected during use of PLD after school hours

*Parents/Guardians and students on Option B will need to use non-Chrome browsers to avoid web browsing history tracking and web content filtering.

Additional Resources for Parents

To support you in keeping your child/ward safe online, you may refer to these additional resources:

- Parent Handbooks (I) and (II) on Learning with a Personal Learning Device (shared by the school)

- Parent Kit on Cyber Wellness for Your Child (https://go.gov.sg/moe-cyber-wellness)

- Parent Kit on Raising a Digitally Smart Child (https://go.gov.sg/moe-raising-a-digitally-smart-child)

- Parenting with MOE: Instagram Live session on Raising Digitally Smart Kids (https://go.gov.sg/iglive-raising-digitally-smart-kids)

- Schoolbag article 'Keeping our teens safe online' (https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/keeping-our-teens-safe-online)

- MOE Cyber Wellness Programme (https://www.moe.gov.sg/programmes/cyber-wellness/)

- Media Literacy Council (https://go.gov.sg/better-internet-sg)

- National Library's Learning & Information Literacy Resources (https://sure.nlb.gov.sg/)

- TOUCH Community Services (https://help123.sg)

Device and Funding Information

CHIJ ST. THERESA'S CONVENT'S PLD

Lenovo 300w Yoga Gen 4

The school chose the device because of:

- Portability

- Durability

- T&L Affordances

CHIJ ST. THERESA'S CONVENT'S PLD

The school will be using the **Lenovo 300w yoga Gen 4** for teaching and learning.

Total cost with GST: **S$741.20**

Lenovo 300w Yoga Gen 4

Lenovo

Intel N100 Processor, 8GB Memory, 256GB SSD storage

11.6" TouchScreen, 1.33 kg, wifi, Bluetooth, built-in camera, optical mouse, 2x USB3.2 Gen 1, 1x USB-C 3.2 Gen 2, 1x HDMI

Additional add-on accessory: 300w Stylus Pen

PLD Bundle

Device Bundle includes
• Lenovo 300w Yoga Gen 4 • Insurance and Warranty

Your child's/ward's PLD will come with the **Enhanced** **Device Bundle** which includes:

- 3-year warranty and 3-year insurance
- 2 repairs or 1 replacement claim

Insurance Coverage

The package includes **3-year warranty, and 3-year insurance** which includes:

Insurance Coverage	Claimable
● Fire ● Lightning ● Power Surges ● Accidental e.g water spillage, drop etc ● Theft due to forcible entry ● Robbery * Accidental loss will not be covered by insurance.	2 repairs or 1 replacement (3-year insurance)

Technical Support for Students' Devices

Technical support will be provided to students through:

- Service Desk set up in school during breaks and after school on a weekly basis
  - Troubleshooting of device issues
  - Solve connectivity issues
  - Collection of devices to be sent for repairs
- Lenovo Vendor's service centre @ Tai Seng
  - Repair of devices (hardware issues)

Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- **The cost of the device bundle can be paid using your child's/ward's Edusave account,** after setting aside provision for payment of miscellaneous fees.

- To ensure the affordability of devices, MOE has provided Edusave top-ups of $200 in 2020 to 2022, and $300 in 2023, to all eligible Singaporean students in primary and secondary schools.

- This is on top of the annual $290 credited into the Edusave account for Secondary School students and $230 for Primary School students.

Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- For SC students who are on MOE Financial Assistance Scheme or whose family's monthly income meets the following criteria:

  Gross Household Income (GHI) ≤ $3,000, or

  Per Capita Income (PCI) ≤ $750

  MOE will subsidise 50% of device bundle cost or $350, whichever is lower.

- The remaining amount will be payable from the students' Edusave account. If there is insufficient balance in the students' Edusave account for the remaining amount, MOE will provide additional subsidy so that the cash out-of-pocket (OOP) is $0.

Funding Scenario: Student A (SC)

Lenovo 300w Yoga Gen 4

Student A (SC on MOE FAS) GHI ≤ $3,000 or PCI ≤ $750	
Device Bundle Cost	**$741.20**
Student Subsidy	**$350.00**
Available Edusave Balance *(After setting aside for 2nd-tier misc fees)*	$200.00 before deduction $200.00 will be deducted
Additional Subsidy	**$191.20**
Cash Out-of-pocket	$0.00

For more details on financial assistance, please approach the school.
Each student would receive a personalised bill subsequently.

Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- For SC students whose family's monthly income is:

  $3,000 < Gross Household Income (GHI) ≤ $4,400, or

  $750 < Per Capita Income (PCI) ≤ $1,100

  MOE will subsidise 30% of device bundle cost or $200, whichever is lower.

- The remaining amount will be payable from the students' Edusave account. If there is insufficient balance in the students' Edusave account for the remaining amount, MOE will provide additional subsidy so that the cash out-of-pocket (OOP) is not more than $50.

Funding Scenario: Student B (SC)

Lenovo 300w Yoga Gen 4

Student B (Non MOE-FAS SC from lower income family) $3,000 < GHI ≤ $4,400 or $750 < PCI ≤ $1,100	
Device Bundle Cost	**$741.20**
Student Subsidy	**$200.00**
Available Edusave Balance *(After setting aside for 2nd-tier misc fees)*	$200.00 before deduction $200.00 will be deducted
Additional Subsidy	**$291.20**
Cash Out-of-pocket	**$50.00**

For more details on financial assistance, please approach the school.
Each student would receive a personalised bill subsequently.

Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- SC students whose family's monthly Gross Household Income (GHI) > $4,400 or monthly Per Capita Income (PCI) > $1,100, no subsidy will be provided. Parents/Guardians can use their child's/ward's Edusave or cash to defray the device bundle cost.

Funding Scenario: Student C (SC)

Lenovo 300w Yoga Gen 4

Student C (Not Eligible for Subsidy) GHI > $4,400 or PCI > $1,100	
Device Bundle Cost	**$741.20**
Available Edusave Balance *(After setting aside for 2nd-tier misc fees)*	$200.00 before deduction $200.00 will be deducted
Cash Out-of-pocket	**$541.20**

For more details on financial assistance, please approach the school.
Each student would receive a personalised bill subsequently.

What's Next?

For Singapore Citizens (SC) Students

Time Frame	Activity
3 Jan 2024	School will issue Letter via PG to Parents for Procurement which includes the following annexes: • Intent to purchase • Use of Edusave (Hardcopy letter is available through the Form Teacher)
11 Jan 2024	All parents to indicate your consent to purchase PLD on Form SG https://go.gov.sg/pdlpadmin
Mar 2024*	Collection of devices by students

*estimated

For Permanent Residents / International Students

Time Frame	Activity
3 Jan 2024	School will issue letter to Parents via PG for Procurement which includes the following annex: • Intent to purchase (Hardcopy letter is available through the Form Teacher)
11 Jan 2024	All parents to indicate your consent to purchase PLD on Form SG https://go.gov.sg/pdlpadmin • Parent/Guardian to make payment via Giro/ Cheque to the General Office
Mar 2024*	Collection of devices by students

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Letter to Parents for Procurement

singpass

Parents with Singpass can access the Letter to Parents for Procurement to indicate your consent via the following link:

https://go.gov.sg/pdlpadmin

* Parents/Guardians without Singpass can request for the hardcopy letter via your child's/ward's form teacher.

Collection of Devices

Your child/ward will be collecting her device in school **from Mar 2024*.**

If you would like to verify the condition of the device during collection with your child/ward:

- You may arrange to collect the device **at the vendor's service/collection centre*** or appoint an adult proxy to do so.

- Your child/ward would need to bring the device to school and arrange for the school's IT department to install the DMA.

Please approach the school for further advice or clarification if you would like to make this arrangement.

*estimated

* Parents/Guardians (or adult proxy) will **<u>not</u>** be able to collect the PLD from the school.

Important Contacts / Helplines

To access / find out more about...	Contact / Helpline
This deck of slides	School website
Edusave balance	6260 0777
Financial assistance	Please approach School General Office

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