

## Caring for the iPad

- 1. Keeping the Operating System and apps up to date will prevent viruses and other malware destroying data. This will also reduce the risk of Identity theft and generally keep the iPad running at its best.
- 2. Cleaning the screen with a soft, slightly damp, lint-free cloth is best. Avoiding alcohol or abrasive cleaners will avoid damage to the screen protector or, in the worst case scenario the screen itself.
- 3. Part of caring for the iPad means caring for the batteries in the iPad, which are lithium polymer (rechargeable). They will eventually wear out, it will take a long time before that happens, but there are some things that can be done to care for the batteries to get the most out of them.
  - Keeping the iPad software up to date will ensure that adjustments to software which help reduce drain on resources and improve battery life are implemented.
  - o The iPad should go through a charging cycle ever so often.
- 4. IPads need to be kept dry. All electronic devices suffer when exposed to water including humidity.
- 5. Purchasing protective accessories is highly recommended to extend the longevity of the iPad. Screen protectors are excellent as they can simply be replaced once scratched.
- 6. iPads are not to be used while walking. IPads should always be placed in the middle of the desk or table at home, as to prevent it from falling off furniture.
- 7. Excessive cold or heat affects iPads and reduces, battery life or, in the worst case, will reduce the life of the iPad.
- 8. Jamming items into the ports of the iPad can void the warranty, so it is essential to ensure all peripherals are designed to be used with iPads.
- 9. It is best practice to regularly sort through photos and videos and to move them to larger storage devices, such as computers and external hard drives to reduce memory usage.
- 10. Parents should regularly check restrictions and apps as updates might have changed settings.