

The Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP)

Briefing for Parents

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DEVICE FUNDING AND INFORMATION

Yishun Town Secondary School's PLD



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The National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) and the PDLP

An Overview

THE NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMME AND THE PDLP

The National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)

1. The NDLP was launched in March 2020 to help students **strengthen their digital literacy and acquire digital skills** needed to navigate an increasingly digitalised world.
2. Under the NDLP, every secondary school student will **own a school-prescribed Personal Learning Device (PLD)**. Students may use funds from their Edusave Account to pay for the PLD.



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THE NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMME AND THE PDLP

Intended Outcomes of the PDLP

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



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How will your child/ward use the PLD?

At Yishun Town Secondary School, your child/ward will be using the PLD to

- Leverage on Cloud platforms such as SLS, MS Teams and Google Drive to curate and self-manage learning.



Supporting Students in the Safe and Effective Use of the Devices

SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE DEVICES

Supporting Students in the Safe and Effective Use of the Devices

To enable a safer digital environment for learning with the use of PLDs, schools have implemented the following measures:

- School rules on digital device use
- Classroom management and routines
- Cyber Wellness Education in CCE
- Partnering parents/guardians to support students in their use of technology for learning
- MOE Device Management Application (DMA) to support a safer digital environment for learning



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Guidelines for Student Use of AI in Learning

1. Use AI as a Learning Support, Not a Replacement

- Use AI to explain concepts, generate practice questions, or provide initial ideas, but focus on developing your own critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and understanding of the material.
- Maintain balance between AI assistance and independent learning. Set boundaries for AI use to ensure you are still developing your own analytical and creative abilities, using AI to enhance rather than replace learning process that helps you master subjects.

2. Verify and Critically Evaluate AI Information

- Always fact-check AI responses using reliable sources and develop strong skills to assess AI outputs for accuracy, relevance, and potential biases, as AI can produce incorrect or misleading information.



Guidelines for Student Use of AI in Learning

3. Follow Guidelines and Respect Boundaries

- Respect age advisories, terms of service, and your teacher's specific rules about when and how AI can be used for different assignments. Never share sensitive personal data with AI platforms.

4. Be Transparent and Document AI Use

- Always inform your teachers when you have used AI tools and clearly cite the AI tool and prompts used, distinguishing between AI-generated content and your own work.

'I acknowledge the use of ChatGPT to generate ideas for this written assignment.'

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Parents'/Guardians' Role

- Parents/guardians play a crucial role in guiding your child/ward to use devices responsibly and safely. We would like to partner parents/guardians so that students are well supported in their use of technology for learning.
- As parents/guardians, you can help in the following ways:
 - Model good digital habits for your child/ward e.g., parents/guardians not using devices during family meals.
 - Know your child/ward well and have conversations with your child/ward about safe and responsible use of technology.
 - Discuss and come up with ground rules for internet/device usage that both your child/ward and you can agree with.
 - Encourage your child/ward to use productivity tools on his/her PLD, to organise information and simplify tasks for efficiency.



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SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE DEVICES

Supporting Resources

Here are some resources that you can refer to:

A. Parent Kit



B. Bite-sized tips and advice via Parentingwith.MOEsg Instagram page



C. Resources from MOE and other agencies (available on resources repository in Parents Gateway)

A screenshot of the Parents Gateway resources repository. The 'Highlights' section shows a card for 'Guidance on Screen Use in Children'. The 'Based on your preferences' section shows cards for 'Cyber wellness' and 'Use of devices', with a sub-section for 'Handy Guide to Screen Use'.



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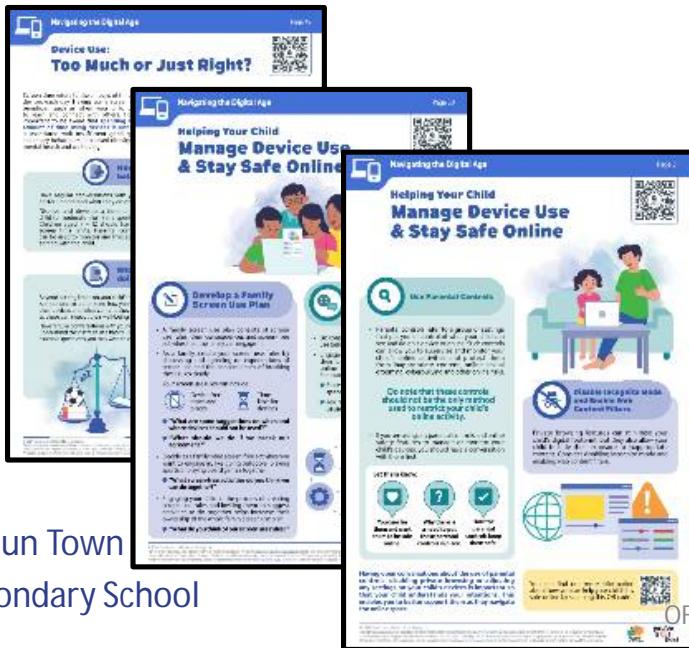
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Supporting Resources

D. Parenting for Wellness Toolbox for Parents and Parenting for Wellness Website on Parent Hub

The Parenting for Wellness initiative provides bite-sized resources (practical tips and strategies) on building strong parent-child relationships, supporting your child's mental well-being and parenting in the digital age.



E. More resources are available via [the MOE Cyber Wellness Webpage](#)

Practising Cyber Wellness
Cyber Wellness education framework helping your child in a responsible digital journey. Learn more about the programme and curriculum.

What is Cyber Wellness?
More than 70% of children in the Singaporean Digital Household use the internet daily. Encourage a responsible approach to the various forms of media and technology.

Support at home
Parents play a key role in their children's growth. Students benefit the most when the home and school environments are aligned to each other. To help your child stay safe and have positive experiences online, you can:

- Activate parental controls on your home devices.
- Model good digital habits for your child.
- Set ground rules for internet use.
- Navigate the internet together to understand their usage.

Resources
Learn more about how to keep your child safe online through these resources.

From MOE

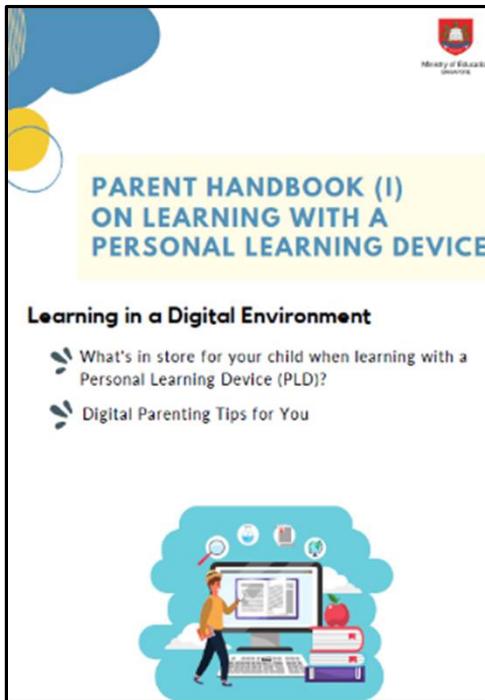
- Children and their devices: How to strike the right balance
- Future tense: Keeping kids grounded while tech turns the world upside down
- What does a student's AI-enhanced day look like? Here's a peek
- Are you struggling with your child's excessive device use?
- 7 things every parent can do to keep kids cyber-safe: A tech dad's social
- The future looks (very) bright: the dual evolution of the rise of AI
- Keeping kids safe online - A community effort
- Parent Kit - Raising A Digitally Smart Child
- Parent Kit - Experiencing Blended Learning with Our Children
- Roaring of Instagram Live - Raising Digitally Smart Kids

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Supporting Resources

F. Parent Handbooks (I) and (II) on Learning with a Personal Learning Device

These Handbooks provide tips on supporting your child in the use of PLDs for learning and are shared via the PG notification together with the letter to purchase PLDs.



What is the MOE National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) and how will learning with a PLD benefit my child?

Through the NDLP, students will be better equipped to acquire digital skills needed to navigate an increasingly digitalised world. As part of the programme, all secondary school students will own PLDs by end 2021.

Each child will have their own device, and learning will be supported in the following areas:

- Enhance teaching and learning**
Learning with a PLD supports greater personalisation and differentiation in learning. Each student's learning experience can be more tailored and personalised to his/her learning needs, interests, progress and skills.
- Support self-directed & collaborative learning**
Learning with a PLD enables students to engage in self-directed learning, and to learn together with their peers, anytime and anywhere. Students can access digital resources on their own to acquire knowledge about topics of personal interest beyond the curriculum. They can also share and build on one another's ideas, and refine their own understanding.
- Support the development of digital literacies**
Learning with a PLD provides an immersive environment for students to acquire digital skills. Students will learn digital skills such as gathering and evaluating information online, interacting with the online community, and creating digital products.

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Role of the MOE Device Management Application (DMA) in Providing a Safer Digital Environment for Learning

MOE DMA Installation

- The MOE DMA solution for iPad, Jamf, is an app that will be installed on all students' PLDs to support their safe and responsible use of devices.
- The DMA will be funded by MOE.
- The installation of the MOE DMA applies to both devices purchased through the school and any student-owned devices that parents/guardians opt for the student to use instead of the school-prescribed PLD.
- The MOE DMA will be installed after the collection of the device. Students will be guided on the installation.
- The MOE DMA will be uninstalled from the device when students graduate or leave the school.



After-School DMA Parent Options

1. After-School DMA Parent Options provide parents with the flexibility in managing their child's/ward's use of PLD after school hours.
2. The following tables outline the different levels of restrictions, controls, and monitoring for each DMA option after school hours.

Default	Option A	Option B
Default Setting (Note: This will apply if no alternative options are chosen)	DMA settings can be modified by Parents/Guardians after school hours	DMA will be inactive after school hours¹
For parents/guardians who want their child's/ward's use of the PLD 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 prefer to take charge of the level of restrictions for their child's/ward's use of the PLD after school hours regulated by the DMA.	For parents/guardians who do not want their child's/ward's use of the PLD after school hours to be regulated by the DMA at all.

3. The default MOE sleep hours is set to 10 pm.

¹ No data will be collected after school hours when the DMA is inactive.

- 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, which is the existing practice.

Support for Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians may wish to consider the following questions to decide the After-School DMA Parent Option that best suits your child/ward.



A. Child's/ward's current device usage habits

- How much time does my child/ward spend on their device?
- How well is my child/ward able to regulate their device usage on their own?
- Does my child/ward get easily distracted while doing online learning?

B. Parents'/Guardians' involvement

- How confident and familiar am I with managing my child's/ward's cyber wellness?
- Are there existing routines and open conversations on the use of the Internet at home?
- Am I aware of how to prevent different types of cyber threats that my child/ward might face?



Data Collected by the MOE DMA

1. The MOE DMA does **NOT** collect any of the following data:
 - Login IDs and passwords entered into websites or into any applications
 - Actions performed (e.g., posts, online comments, items added to a shopping cart, etc.) when visiting websites and using apps
 - Documents and photos stored in the PLDs
 - PLD location
 - Webcam videos and microphone recordings
2. Parents may update their personal data (e.g., email addresses, names) by contacting the school, in accordance with the Personal Data and Protection Act (PDPA).



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The school chose the device because of:

- Portability
- Durability
- T&L Affordances

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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
- iPad service centres
 - Repair of devices (hardware issues)



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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 from 2020 to 2023 to all eligible Singaporean students in primary and secondary schools. In 2025, MOE has provided a \$500 Edusave top-up for students aged 13-16 years old.
- These top-ups are on top of the annual \$290 credited into the Edusave account for Secondary School students and \$230 for Primary School students.



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

Gross Household Income (GHI) \leq \$4,000, or

Per Capita Income (PCI) \leq \$1,000

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 Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

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

$\$4,000 < \text{Gross Household Income (GHI)} \leq \$5,500$, or

$\$1,000 < \text{Per Capita Income (PCI)} \leq \$1,375$

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.



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Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- Subsidies will not be provided for SC students whose family's monthly:
 - Gross Household Income (GHI) is above \$5,500 or
 - Per Capita Income (PCI)[#] is above \$1,375.
- Parents/Guardians can use their child's/ward's Edusave or cash to defray the device bundle cost.

[#]PCI is Gross Household Income divided by the number of household members.



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Time Frame	Activity
9 – 16 January 2026	<p>Submit Parental Consent for the Purchase of Personal Learning Device (PLD) via the link in PG.</p> <p>Parents without access to Singpass can submit their consent via hardcopy, which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intent to Purchase Personal Learning Device (PLD)• Standing Order for Use of Edusave Account (for Singapore Citizens)• Authorisation Form
By 6 March 2026	<p>(If required) Parent/Guardian to make payment via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Giro▪ SGQR (Nets/PayNow)▪ SAM channels▪ Cash and cheque at school General Office
End of Term 1, 2026	Collection of devices by students



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Collection of Devices

Your child/ward will be collecting his/her device in school **by the end of Term 1**.

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

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



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

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Important Contacts / Helplines

To access / find out more about...	Contact / Helpline
This deck of slides	https://www.yishuntownsec.moe.edu.sg/
Edusave balance	6260 0777
Financial assistance	6758 7219



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