

iPad Case and Headphones Parent Information 2021

A rugged iPad case is a really important investment for children using the devices at school as well as bringing the devices to and from school. When you consider the cost of screen replacement if a device is dropped then a good iPad case can be less than half the cost. It is important to be aware that while some cases may look pretty they offer little protection to the iPad.

Features a robust case should have:

- The right case for your model of iPad as all iPads vary in terms of their dimensions - a slight mismatch of the case and iPad model can reduce the effectiveness of the case in an impact
- A solid back
- Sides that overlap the top of the screen
- Solid corners
- Either a solid screen protector or at the very least edges that are slightly proud, so that if the device is dropped the edges hit the ground first and not the screen.
- A case that has access to all the ports, buttons, front and rear cameras without the need to remove the iPad from the case

iPad Cases

Good Design



A case which covers the corners, edges and back of the iPad will protect the device from scratches and absorb impacts in those areas when dropped. The lip around the case should be fairly chunky as this protects the screen from scratching if placed face down.

Poor Design



Some cases have rubber borders that cover the buttons and have cut-outs for the speakers, microphone and USB ports. **It is important** users can plug in a microphone and charge the iPad without removing the cover.



Cases can have different optional features, such as a fold out stand allowing the user to operate the iPad without holding onto it or a strap to make holding the device easier.

Avoid cases that don't protect the corners and edge of the screen. **Most screen breakages** are caused because the aluminum case gets dented or knocked out of shape when dropped.



Ensure the iPad case you purchase fits your iPad's screen.

Headphones

Students will need a robust set of over the head headphones (Liquid Ear). There are headphones on the market that restrict audio levels to provide better protection for a child's hearing. These can be purchased from many of the large stores. If you require any further clarification or information please don't hesitate to contact the school. The headphones are also listed on the class booklist.