

Cherry Orange Case Study



IT support, services & development

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Local forest school devices

Solution

- Apple iPad Mini 2.
- Ruggedized Cases.
- Primary School Integration.
- Education Charity Requirements



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Company Profile

The school PTA raises funds to purchase equipment and services that support the learning objectives of the Primary School.

This a small, rural primary school which is not eligible to apply for a lot of funding opportunities. With approximately 140 pupils on the register, it is important for the PTA to consider carefully how to spend monies raised or grants allocated by external organisations.

One exciting project they embarked on this academic year was to develop a Forest School area to inspire and bring the children an awareness of the interdependency of ecology, environment and education. They applied to a leading education charity which helps children learn from the land using its country estates and by giving education grants, for funding of IT equipment to support and record their learning.

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Technical Requirement

A minimum of ten devices, ergonomically suited to, and robust enough, for children in the Reception class. The devices were to be used mainly for photography and recording data and were to be set up with unique security and with the education charity's logo on the start-up screen. These devices needed to link in to the school's main systems to provide back up and storage in accordance with school procedures.

The PTA approached three potential providers for recommendations and pricing. Cherry Orange was chosen from these as they:

- Were a local provider with a proven track record;
- Made the most appropriate and competitive quote within the required budget;
- Were able to provide all the requirements tailored to the school needs;
- Were willing to provide support over and above what was requested.

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Solution

A Cherry Orange representative visited the school and discussed in detail their requirements. The main points to consider were enhanced security and robust devices that could withstand lots of little hands and accidents!

Our recommendation was for;

- 10 iPad mini 2 Wi-Fi 16GB Silver.
- 10 Survivor Case (Black) for iPad Mini.
- Recommended apple education integration with school network.

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Benefits

All the Forest School sessions are videoed or photographed by both the children and the adults. The size, weight and durability of the mini iPads allow the children to access them at any point during the sessions including the walk to and from Forest School. They have enhanced and enriched their sessions- incidental learning can be photographed and recorded, when children ask "What is this?" it can be photographed, and once back in the classroom printed and checked on the internet!

Parents, visitors and children alike enjoy looking at the Forest School Learning Journeys which are now overflowing with recorded evidence.



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