

## Communication

Low Port values home/ school two way communication as key to your child's learning. We are always open to your feedback.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Low Port Team



# Low Port Primary School



## Anytime Anywhere Learning (AAL) Information Leaflet

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### **Anytime Anywhere Learning (AAL) - what is this?**

Anytime Anywhere Learning is a wireless network within schools that allows any wireless device to connect to it. This can be used to access the internet. Every school in West Lothian has the West Lothian Network and an AAL Network.

### **Why AAL?**

All children in Low Port Primary already have access to a range of devices in the classroom setting to enhance their learning, including laptops, netbooks, tablets, interactive panels and Smartboards. AAL can enhance learning and teaching when planned and used effectively. We understand that technology is all around us, that children can use it easily and many use it at home and in school already. AAL will not replace laptops and traditional computer skills but will allow children to have access to information immediately to enhance their learning where appropriate. Of course, this will not be in every lesson! Many children have their own device already and now they will be able to make use of them in a learning context. Through discussion on safe usage and with a clear rationale for their purpose, we will be helping with any misuse of devices in and out of school and changing attitudes towards their use and how children use them. At Low Port Primary School, we want the use of technology and the internet to be a lifelong skill to help children now and in the future.

### **Our journey so far**

- So far all parents and carers of children in P2-7 were invited to a joint information evening last session with another cluster school to hear about AAL.
- We have audited and enhanced our provision of IT hardware ensuring that a range of devices are available at every class.
- We are currently looking at implementing AAL from P4-7 only at this time.

This session, as we prepare for Anytime, Anywhere Learning, we have been gathering views from pupils, staff and parents about the opportunities they can foresee and any concerns they may have. This information greatly assists us to try and address any of the issues raised as we draft agreements for safe and sensible use.

I have collated the views gathered so far from pupils focus groups and pupil council, from staff and from Parent Council. On the collated views sheet, responses in bold are where more than one group agreed on similar ideas. I am keen to share this with you for two reasons - firstly to show joined working, how keen but sensible the pupils are and that consultation is taking place to plan ahead before our agreements are drawn up and secondly to welcome any more parent views or concerns that are not represented on the attached sheet to ensure a smooth delivery of AAL. **Should you wish to express views not represented already, please email the school office.**

### **Some FAQ that may help you at this stage**

#### **What if I don't want my child to take their device into school?**

- It is parental choice. We will always have devices in school for pupils to use so they will not be at a disadvantage.

#### **What if my child doesn't have a wireless device?**

-Your child will be able to use the devices in school so will not be at any disadvantage.

#### **Will you teach my child how to use their device?**

-The aim of this is for pupils to use devices they already know. We would not teach them how to use their own devices.

#### **What happens if their device runs out of battery?**

- Devices will need to come fully charged as cannot be charged in school. If it runs out it will just be put away until home time.

#### **What happens if a child uses the AAL or device inappropriately?**

-Using the AAL and mobile devices in school is a privilege. If someone misuses it they will lose this privilege and will not be allowed to use mobile devices or access the AAL.

#### **Will my child's device be for anyone else to use?**

-No. Your child's device will only be for their use and access with their personal login.

#### **What about photos and videos?**

- Personal devices will only be for enhancing learning through the internet. No photos or videos will be allowed to be taken.

#### **What happens to the device when not in use?**

-During class time – put to the side for use later

-Out of class time (gym, assembly) – secure storage in the classroom.