



Digital Strategy Plan 2021-27

The aim of the Digital Strategy Plan is to encourage all students and staff in Presentation College Bray to become active and engaged citizens who are able to express themselves effectively in both the analogue and digital world. This is all guided by the values of our ethos. This involves students becoming digitally literate, both in the use of technology, in the analysis of online information and learning the skills of safer online behavior. It is hoped that the students become digital creators of content, be it websites and through the use of code (Leaving Certificate) or through mindful and critical analysis of websites along with creating video games (Junior Cycle).

While there is a focus on skills being created and developed in the Computers Studies/Computer Science department, digital literacy is a whole school initiative including both teachers and students.

The Technologies.

Presentation College uses a wide variety of digital resources, from teachers digital projectors, personal school laptops through to use of our school information system (currently VS Ware). Student digital literacy is enhanced further by exposure to the Google Suite Package (mainly Google Classroom and Google Meets) which allow for students to send/receive communications to/from the school in an efficient manner.

Google Meets is the preferred school platform which facilitates online/remote learning during periods of school closure due to pandemic restrictions and/or adverse weather conditions.

Google Classroom provides for a paperless environment where student homework/projects/assignments can be uploaded, for the attention of the relevant teacher. Teachers can also set work and communicate class/whole year group messages via the Google Classroom page assigned to each class group.

Areas of Ongoing Development

Presentation College continues to embed digital technologies into Teaching, Learning and Assessment practices. To this end we will adopt a three phase approach to ensuring that teachers and students alike have access to the optimum digital technology hardware support which our budget allows for.

Phase 1- 2021-22

Increase our number of Chromebooks available from one trolley to seven trolleys. This allows us to cater for 30% of our student population at any one time. Trolleys are assigned to class groups via an online teacher booking system.

Phase 11 - 2022-23

Maintenance and repair work will continue to ensure that all classroom hardware is in working order e.g. OHP's, Visualisers, Wider Connectivity. Teachers laptops will also be upgraded on a priority need basis.

Phase 111- 2022-24

The Computer/Mac room is currently being audited to establish what stock is required to be either repaired or replaced.

Links to other School Policies

The Digital Strategy Plan will align with other policy and planning areas.

As part of our wider Acceptable Usage Policy, we have incorporated a Chromebook Loan Agreement Policy where during times of school closures, Chromebooks are made available to students for home use where access to digital devices may be limited. This agreement is underpinned by a dual declaration by parent and student to accept responsibility for the device while in their possession. This agreement also serves the needs of Ukranian students enrolling in the school recently where there is a demand for loaning devices. The Digital Strategy Plan is also referenced under the School Code of Behaviour with regards to showing respect for school property/equipment.

Links to other policies include:

- Anti-Bullying Policy
- GDPR Policy
- Homework Policy

The plan also aligns with our upcoming SSE cycle 2022-26, where one of our priority areas will be Teaching and Learning in a Post Covid Environment. We will engage with ICT workshops appropriate for students and staff alike in order to integrate Literacy and Numberacy strategies going forward. Such interaction will

fall under the remit of the Digital Strategy Coordinator and the SSE Coordinator with overall responsibility being accepted by the Principal.

Target for School Year 2022-23

We intend for our Digital Strategy Plan to support Literacy and Numeracy initiatives such as promoting grammatical proficiency, reading comprehension, creative writing workshops as well as improvement in numeracy related comprehension. The stock of ICT equipment will be made available to the student body to support the above measures.

Please Note This Digital Strategy Plan will be reviewed regularly and will be further developed upon over the timeframe ganted (2021-27). More specific targets involved will be included in our SIP as part of our wider SSE process also.