

Setup Guide: Windows 11 with Microsoft Child Account

The Windows 11 setup process is fairly straight forward – Just follow the on screen instructions along with this handy guide for reference and school specific tips. You do not have to use the recommended Microsoft Family settings if you wish to set the device up in a different way, but this is our recommended setup for balance between useability and family parental control for the device when not at school. Windows 10 has a similar setup process, but the steps may vary slightly.

Requirements

- A new or factory-reset Windows 11 device.
 - Internet connection.
 - Optional – These can be setup before or during the setup process;
 - A **Microsoft Child Account** (can be created during setup or beforehand via <https://account.microsoft.com/family>).
 - A **Microsoft Parent Account** to manage the family group.
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Step 1: Power On and Start Setup – Ensure the Laptop is plugged into the Mains Charger

 You'll see the "Let's start with region" screen.

-  Select your region and click **Yes**.
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Step 2: Choose Your Keyboard Layout

-  Choose your preferred keyboard layout (e.g., UK) and click **Yes**.
 -  If asked for a second layout, choose **Skip** if not needed.
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Step 3: Connect to Wi-Fi

 Select your Wi-Fi network and enter the password.

 Device will check for updates.

Step 4: License Agreement

 Accept the **Microsoft Software License Terms** to proceed.

Step 5: Add Your Microsoft Account

You'll now see the "Let's add your Microsoft account" screen.

-  Enter the **Microsoft Child Account email** here. **This MUST be a personal Microsoft account** and not the school email address and password, which is not provided until induction.

 If the account is not recognized as part of a Microsoft Family group, it will prompt you to get parental consent. You can also create an account for your daughter at this stage of the process following the on screen prompts.

Step 6: Parental Consent Flow

If using a child account for the first time:

1. You'll be redirected to a **Parent Sign-in Page**.
 2. The parent signs in and gives consent for the child's account.
 3. Agree to Family Safety terms.
 4. Once complete, the child can log in normally.
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Step 7: Create a PIN

 Set up a PIN for quick sign-in (instead of entering a password).

Step 8: Privacy Settings

 Review the privacy settings for the child account:

- Location
- Find my device
- Diagnostics
- Inking & typing

You can toggle these **ON or OFF** as needed. Click **Accept** to continue.

Step 9: Customise Experience (Optional)

 Choose how the child will use the device (e.g Schoolwork)

 Click **Next** or **Skip**.

Step 10: Microsoft 365 / OneDrive Offer (Optional)

You may be offered Microsoft 365 or OneDrive setup. Please do NOT pay for a Microsoft 365 subscription specifically for this device. Microsoft Office will be licensed at School during induction. You may sign up to a free trial if you wish to use Office before September, but remember to cancel before payment if you do.

Choose **Not now** if not needed.

Step 11: Finish Setup

 Windows will finalize setup and boot to the desktop.

 **You're done!** The device is now set up under a Microsoft Child Account.