

Guidelines for using digital technology in the classroom



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Prioritise pedagogy

What do you want the students to learn? Can you teach it without technology? Use tech only when it adds value.



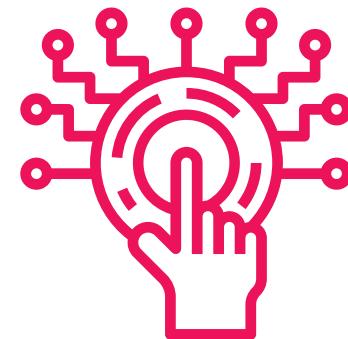
Teach students technological skills

Frequent use of technology does not equal skilful or safe use of technology. Teach cyber safety, search skills, digital citizenship, and critical literacy.



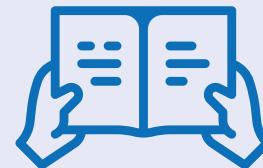
Learn to write by hand first

Learning to write by hand aids pre-literate students in learning letters and words and activates brain regions essential for successful reading.



Read on paper as much as possible

Students find it easier to comprehend and synthesise when reading on paper, but can survey key points and learn the main idea equally well in either form.



Be critical of learning apps

Not all learning apps are created equal. Ones which enable students to actively test their knowledge, set reminders to practise over an extended period of time, engage multiple senses in the learning process, and increase feedback can promote learning.



Ask an expert about assistive technology

Assistive technology can help students with particular needs with their learning. Be open to incorporating this into your classroom.