Tablet PCs: The Ideal Laptop for Schools.

Tablet PCs take a conventional laptop and give it a productive twist.
Laptop computers make teachers’ lives easier. They can do their preparation where it suits them – at home, in the staff room or wherever – and then take their work with them into the classroom.

Laptops let students personalize their education and access curriculum materials both in school and at home. They let pupils access school intranets and learning portals and resources online.

Some schools give every student a laptop, while others offer heavily-discounted access to laptop purchase schemes.

Laptop or tablet?
But is a traditional laptop, with its familiar clamshell design, the best choice? Wouldn’t it be great if a teacher could leave handwritten comments on a student’s homework and email them back with the document? Or imagine using drawing a diagram, writing an answer or sketching out a formula on the screen and seeing it replicated on an electronic whiteboard? Tablet PCs may be a better option.

HP’s 2710p is an ultra-lightweight, ultra-modern Notebook. It weighs just 1.68 kg which means it’s great for field trips. Yet it contains high-powered Intel® Centrino® processor technology, which is twice as fast as previous processors when it comes to multi-tasking and intensive processing. An integrated webcam makes it easier to set up internet video conferences and collaborate with other students and teachers.

What makes the 2710p different from conventional laptops is its ability to recognize handwriting. You can write on it as if it were an exercise book or you can turn your handwriting into printed text. You can also use the stylus to control the computer. For example, teachers can use it to take the register by ticking boxes on screen or a student can use the stylus to create a diagram in a science lesson and incorporate it straight into a Word document.

At home in the classroom
HP’s Tablet PCs are designed to be classroom-tough and reliable. For example, they feature a drop-resistant hard drive, a strong magnesium-alloy frame and a splash-resistant keyboard.

Because HP designs and builds its own computers, we can set higher standards for reliability and construction – the last thing you need is a computer that breaks down in the middle of a lesson.

Safe and sound
It is also important to keep private data private. The 2710p comes with HP ProtectTools software to keep information safe. It uses the computer’s built-in fingerprint scanner to control who can access the computer and it can encrypt everything on the hard disk.

Intel® vPro™ technology adds extra security in the form of hardware that protects the computer from certain internet viruses and prevents an infected computer from attacking others. In addition, the technology makes it easier for IT technicians to fix problems. It gives them remote access to the computer, even if it is unresponsive or switched off. This means that they can fix more problems remotely without time-consuming call-outs.

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