

Managed Services with a Surface:

The Unicorn School

The Unicorn School is a small independent school, based in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, which offers a bespoke approach to learning for children with special educational needs, specifically dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and other Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). The school, with 90 pupils, prides itself on providing a nurturing environment and equipping pupils with strategies for learning that will enable them to succeed. They decided to adopt Microsoft Surface Go hybrid devices to provide pupils access to technology which would provide for flexible methods of learning whilst also maintaining traditional learning. Having been impressed by the impact this had on both performance and engagement, the Microsoft Surface as a Service scheme is now being extended to staff.

The Unicorn School chose Class Technology to help deliver the Microsoft Surface as a Managed Service scheme due to our long-standing relationships with other independent schools, and our breadth of experience with Microsoft platforms. We helped them through the decision making process for the devices, arranging access to trusted partners to help answer questions, before building a deployment scheme using Microsoft Intune.

With the Microsoft Surface Go, pupils have access to a highly portable, single device which allows them to continue learning in a traditional manner, focusing on tried-and-tested reading

“ We had to ensure that deploying so many devices would be achievable without a large onsite IT presence, and we're delighted that it hasn't. We've seen a reduction in the amount of IT required. ”

Katy Johnson, Bursar at The Unicorn School



and writing skills as well as support blended learning. “We're delighted that the Microsoft Surface devices have allowed our pupils to thrive and we see real engagement with them.” said Katy Johnson, Bursar of The Unicorn School.

As the Microsoft Surface Go supports the inking, when combined with the Microsoft Pen, the Microsoft Surface Go supports The Unicorn School in delivering bespoke SLCN learning in a way that has not been available to them until now.

As with many of our schools, the Microsoft Surface as a Managed Service scheme allows the school to provide a dedicated device to each pupil and, due to Windows 10 support, the school can manage them from a single platform using Microsoft Intune. Devices at The Unicorn School were deployed using Microsoft Autopilot, allowing the school to deliver a shrink-wrapped product to each pupil, further enhancing the sense of ownership of young users. This efficiency allows the school to provide IT support across the campus without a massive focus on IT.

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