



RE: Assistive Technology – AV1 Robots

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusive education and our ethos of ‘**Learning Without Limits, Removing Barriers**’, we are investing in a range of assistive technologies to support all students in achieving positive outcomes.

One such innovation is the **use of AV1 Robots**, a tool designed to help students who are unable to attend lessons for extended periods remain connected to their learning and school community.

The AV1 robot is placed in the classroom and acts as the student’s presence, enabling them to join lessons remotely. Through a secure connection, the student can listen, observe, ask questions, and participate in discussions using an iPad from an agreed remote location.

To ensure safety and privacy, the **AV1 is equipped with multiple layers of security. Each device is password-protected, linked to a single user, and operates with a one-way video stream and two-way audio.** This means the student can see and hear the classroom, and communicate with teachers and peers, while remaining unseen. All streams are encrypted and live, no recordings are made.



Please note that this is a targeted provision and not part of our universal offer. Access to this technology is based on **specific criteria and is allocated in collaboration with families.** Your child may be in a class where an AV1 is in use.

We believe this technology will make **a meaningful difference to the learning experience of many students, helping them to stay engaged, make progress, and feel part of our school community, no matter the barriers they face.**

This innovative use of assistive technology is more than just a tool, it's **a lifeline for students facing significant barriers to education. By enabling them to stay connected, engaged, and included, the AV1 robot helps ensure that no child is left behind.** It embodies our commitment to **'Learning Without Limits, Removing Barriers'**, and represents a powerful step toward a more inclusive and empowering learning environment for every student at Abbeyfield School.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Kind regards,

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