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BRIEFING NOTE

Reference	SLTS/8108/11
Subject	<i>Adoption of Windows 7</i>

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this briefing note is to inform all schools, units and relevant CCoS corporate users of the date and associated arrangements for formal adoption of **Windows 7** operating system by SLTS.

BACKGROUND

Windows 7 was released late 2009, however, even though SLTS has undertaken testing since then, we have waited until Microsoft released **Service Pack 1** before considering formally adopting it – traditionally most 'bugs' identified post launch are fixed within this first major update. SLTS is now satisfied that there are no residual issues that will prevent its formal adoption.

ADOPTION

SLTS will formally adopt **Windows 7 Professional** as its current operating system with effect from **Thursday 1st September 2011**.

N.B. *SLTS will not be adopting any other versions of Windows 7 (e.g. Starter, Home Basic, Home Premium), therefore, if you are procuring equipment from a source other than SLTS and require support from SLTS, please ensure it has the correct version of the operating system (in addition to meeting the minimum specification and warranty requirements).*

NEW EQUIPMENT

Any PCs or laptops *ordered* via SLTS from **1st September 2011** will have Windows 7 Professional pre-installed.

The prices of PCs and laptops will **not** alter as a result of **Windows 7 Professional** being installed.

EXISTING OPERATING SYSTEMS

SLTS will still support the operating system that is installed on any existing PC or laptop in schools or units until further notice.

USER EXPERIENCE

Users will not see any significant difference in using **Windows 7** from **Windows XP**, e.g. how the desktop is presented or how the *START* menu functions – SLTS would also anticipate that many users have experience of using **Windows 7** on their personal systems at home.

QUERIES

Any queries or problems should be directed through the Service Desk as per normal reporting procedures – contact details are below :

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