Broadclyst Primary chooses the Lenovo® ThinkPad® Twist for:

- Rock-solid durability with construction that passes 8 rugged military-spec tests
- Advanced security options including Computrace® data protection, self-encrypting drives and fingerprint readers
- Spill-resistance and automatic freezing of hard disk drive to prevent damage
School deploys ICT upgrade to meet needs of touch-screen generation.

"We were early adopters of computers in the classroom, because we have always believed in using innovative technologies to provide a fun and engaging learning experience for the children."

– David James
Deputy Head Teacher
Broadclyst School
Every three years the school invests in the latest technology to provide the children with high-powered, quality machines. In 2013 this involved purchasing 120 Lenovo ThinkPad Twist laptops. "We were interested in Windows 8," continues David, "particularly when combined with touch, because then it becomes usable, functional software that the children can really respond to. They are part of a generation brought up using touch functionality on devices and they take to it far faster than their teachers!"

David carried out extensive research exploring touch-based technology from Dell, Fujitsu, Samsung and Toshiba. The school chose the ThinkPad Twist, which can twist without undocking, because it provided the pupils with a tablet feel, but didn’t require them to pick up the devices and walk around with them, which could easily lead to damage and breakage. David conducted multiple trials with the children and staff before making a decision. The ThinkPad Twist was eventually selected because of its reliability, superior build quality and feel, along with its advanced security and student-proof features.

With Lenovo products passing eight tough military specification robustness tests and boasting the lowest failure rates and cost of repair in the industry, the brand’s long-standing reputation for durability gave David the reassurance he needed to invest.

"Moving away from PCs was a big decision for us," said David. "You can replace elements of a PC if they break, but with laptops and tablets the repairs can be more complex. This is a problem for us as downtime can mean delays to lessons and disruption to teaching. We needed a robust solution we could trust: and that’s why we chose Lenovo."

"We’ve only had the Twists for five weeks so we look forward to seeing the direct impact they have on the school’s results. For now, the children’s pride of ownership and desire to learn tell us we did the right thing."
CLASSROOM BENEFITS

• **Intuitive learning:** Large multitouch screens work exactly how students expect for fast and effective integration into classes.

• **Increased pupil engagement:** Multiple modes increase the ways in which teachers and students can create and consume educational content.

• **1:1 learning experience:** Individualised learning that’s not confined to the classroom and designed for constant use with long-lasting batteries.

"The Lenovo® ThinkPad® Twist provides us with a solution that ticks all the boxes. It’s a laptop with full power Intel® Core™-i performance, but it’s also a touch durable Windows 8 tablet."

— David James