

# Case Study

## Essa Academy in Bolton Manages their iPads with Lightspeed Systems



School: The Essa Academy  
County: Greater Manchester  
School Size: 1,000 students

### Overview

Essa Academy in Bolton are at the forefront of technology in education. Since 2009, they have moved from textbooks and have gone completely digital. Today, with an iPad in the hands of every student and staff member, information and resources are shared instantly, any time.

Using Lightspeed Systems Mobile Manager, Essa are able to control and filter devices on and off of the network and push apps across the school with ease.

### Challenge

Abdul Chohan, Director at Essa Academy, has worked at the site since 2009 when it was known as Hayward School. The school had dwindling numbers, declining test scores and was on the verge of being shut down for good. The school applied for academy status in 2009 and after the application was approved, they knew they had to make a lot of changes to turn things around.

One of the first decisions that Abdul and his team made was to begin a 1:1 initiative, that would enable every student to access online from any place at any time.

“Traditionally we would spend half a million pound on servers, cables, computers rooms, laptop trolleys and so on, but at the end of the day when school finishes, that infrastructure stays in school.” Abdul tells us, “What we wanted to do was have something in place where that investment goes home.”

The next big challenge was to find the best way to manage their new devices and keep them safe.

### Solution

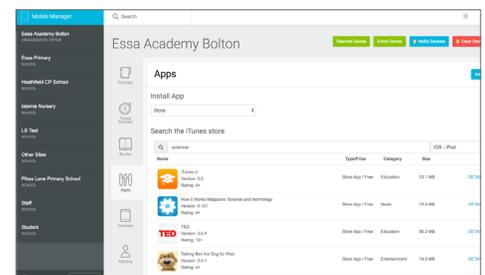
After extensive research, Essa Academy chose Lightspeed Systems Mobile Device Manager (MDM), Abdul recalls, “We had 1000 iPads in the hands of students being taken home every day. We needed something that allowed us to deploy apps, to manage the devices, to make sure students were using them in a secure way and the Lightspeed MDM has certainly given us the ability to do that.”

When tablets are used as learning tools, having the right apps is crucial. Abdul needed a solution that would allow him to update the devices easily so that teachers could share apps with their students instantly—whether at home or in the middle of a lesson.

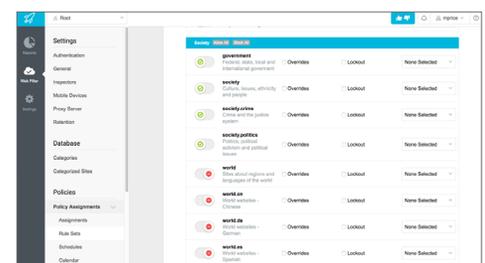
He tells us, “When there’s a good app that’s available, we use the Lightspeed Systems MDM solution to deploy it to all our iPads remotely. We don’t need to collect all of the iPads. With the push of a button, we can deploy an app to all of the iPads or just to specific groups.”

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Using Lightspeed Systems Mobile Device Management, Essa Academy are able to deploy apps with ease.



With flexible policies, Essa Academy gets granular control over its content filtering.

