

iPad & iPhone Group Report - February 2022

Somewhat reduced numbers this month, possibly due to Half Term. The Settings tackled this time included Siri. We went through the process of setting up Siri – the talking assistant that is similar to Amazon’s Alexa. iPad for Seniors covers the process from page 50. We also looked at Notifications. Many of the settings here affect the way Siri works as well (iPad for Seniors, page 142 onwards).

We also looked at Sounds. These determine the ring tones and sounds that are heard on receipt of messages, texts, etc. as well as the turning on or off the clicks from the keyboard.

Lastly, we looked at the Control Centre, a drop-down screen that gives quick access to frequently used functions and apps. The content of this screen can be managed from Settings.

Moving on, we looked at was the various ways in which a user can get past the Lock Screen to use the iPad or iPhone. These progress from a simple PIN code, through fingerprint to facial recognition. Which of these is available to the user is dependent on the age of the iPad or iPhone.

Finally, we decided to set up a WhatsApp group of attendees. This will allow us to raise queries and pass on information between meetings. It is expected it will encourage discussion, provide mutual guidance and prompt ideas for topics for our monthly get together.

The next meeting will be at 2:00pm on 25th March 2022 in the Witham Room in The Witham.