



Core Business IT Support Package

This is our support package for small and micro-businesses, designed to provide great connectivity to your business data and services, while keeping you safe and secure when using cloud services on the internet.

The package includes the popular Microsoft 365 cloud services (online Word, Excel, Outlook, email, cloud storage, Teams etc) with an automatic on-going backup, so you know your data is accessible, safe and has multiple copies available in case of disaster.

It is great for a small business user, who needs the power of the Microsoft cloud services with the help, support, advice and monitoring of professional IT staff, working in the background and available by phone or via remote sessions.

What's included (what is in scope):

	<p><u>Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guaranteed response times from our professional IT staff allow you to access to the knowledge and support in a timely fashion during the business week. This includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited remote phone support and IT advice Unlimited support via remote login or email. Tiered guaranteed response times based on the severity of a problem. Assistance with cloud services of the included Microsoft (Office) 365, including Teams. Resolution of sync errors, shared access permissions etc, that can occur with Microsoft 365. Setting up and helping with mobile phone or tablet email and apps. Advice on IT security, scams and frauds, with someone to call to check legitimacy. Help with home working, including setting up your home equipment to access your business data securely. Advice on GDPR and other relevant regulations, with compliance help.
	<p><u>Maintaining your machine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC hardware monitoring (spotting errors you might miss). PC software monitoring (making sure software is not going wrong in the background). Help and advice setting up, using and securing your phones or tablets. Monitoring your automatic backups, to make sure your data is safe.
	<p><u>IT security</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows and application patch management (essential security). Anti-virus security monitoring (is your AV working). Webroot managed endpoint security with DNS filtering included. Multi layered security software and bad website blocking A true cloud-cloud backup mechanism; covering documents, email, contacts, tasks, shared data and calendars. With daily recall to cover many eventualities

	<p><u>Training, discounts and free work.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On boarding support which includes basic user training in the basics of security, using web applications, data management and working with the extensive outlook package. • Reduced rates for any onsite callouts, although with remote support and maintenance, onsite visits are rarely needed. • PC servicing and optimisation, either remote or if you drop a machine off to us. Keep your equipment in tip-top shape with our help (parts excluded). • Labour costs for changes, additions, moves and removal of users are included.
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By default, all other services (not on this list), would be classed as out of scope, however we can provide these on a charged basis.

Monthly pricing. No long term commitment,

We currently charge **£25+VAT** (£30 inc) each month per PC or MAC we monitor, extra machines for the same user at **£10+VAT** (£12 inc), this includes us supporting, monitoring and providing security software for these machines.

Example usage scenario:

A user works in and out of a home office, needs email, contacts and access to documents both in and out of the office including on a smartphone. The user has had their old email services transferred over to Microsoft and wants to fully utilise cloud services so they can interact easily with their customers using smartphones, tablets, laptops, PCs and Macs.

Should they get confusing or possibly fraudulent emails, they would like someone knowledgeable to help them. When their equipment does something unexpected or suffers a glitch, they would like someone available to assist.

This plan helps them achieve this, anything sent or received on the smartphone is mirrored on the computers (and vice-versa). Contacts, calendars and tasks can be accessed by multiple devices and shared with others inside and outside the business. All work is backed up, so if anything gets lost, hacked, stolen corrupted or accidentally changed/deleted, it can be recovered.

IT support and advice are easily available and free to use, making it less of a chore to call for help, than to try and fix themselves.

When the user goes on holiday, they can auto reply messages, forward emails to colleagues, access the data/emails abroad or allow a colleague to easily handle emails on their behalf. If they need to work from home with different equipment it is all possible and they have the IT support to do it safely.

In summary:

They have the security, IT services and support facilities, as if they had their own IT department but instead provided by a local IT company that understands their situation and needs, all for a single monthly fee.

Note: Many of our clients utilise this plan along with the extended plan, which includes desktop office licenses. You can mix and match these plans depending on the needs of users in your organisation.

Plan Options:

We provide many infrastructure options to complement our support packages, such as server support, large network support, onsite callout cover with a guaranteed onsite response (SLA).

We can also provide IP phones with full enterprise comms. capabilities and corresponding broadband connectivity.

Please contact us on 0161-483-6656 for details.



Glossary

- **Guaranteed response times from our professional IT staff.**

All our staff are trained and qualified IT technicians who undergo constant improvement or refresher training all their career with us. We have set guaranteed response times based on the severity of a problem, the more severe the faster we guarantee a response, remotely or over the phone. If you have an onsite services optional upgrade this is governed by a different onsite response regime, please contact us for details.

- **Unlimited remote phone support and unlimited remote support via remote login:**

We provide fully qualified IT technical assistance to resolve problems over the phone or via a remote login during business work hours and an emergency phone service at other times on a call back basis. We do not restrict the number of calls or time taken (within reasonable limits) if the problem can be solved remotely, we will help.

- **Tiered guaranteed response times.**

Below are some standard categories of faults and how we guarantee a response to them, in most cases response is usually much faster for all errors (normally instant), but in very busy times we prioritise this way. The list is not all inclusive but gives examples of how we prioritise (if necessary).

Critical	Your main server is offline and users are unable to work	1 hour
	Network hardware has failed and half the company can't work.	
	VPNs for the company have failed.	
	Everyone's computer has stopped working.	
High	Your internet connection is offline, users can still work locally.	2 hours
	Your CEO's computer has stopped working correctly.	
	Your main accounts systems are not working.	
Medium	One user's desktop has stopped working so they cannot work.	4 hours
	One of your printers has stopped, but other printers still work	
	A user is having problems with connecting to the internet.	
Low	Printing is slower than normal.	8 hours
	A user cannot access a scanner.	
	A user needs some software installed.	
	Add / Delete/ Edit user requests.	
No priority	New computer installations.	These need lead time and planning.
	New network installations or modifications.	

- **IT advice via email or phone:**

We answer questions regarding your systems and software and can point you towards solutions where we don't have direct knowledge.

- **Assistance with cloud services including from mobile phones**

We assist with cloud-based services such as Office365 and Google docs. We maintain and help with synchronisation issues (common with OneDrive, Google Docs and SharePoint). We will help with connectivity issues wherever possible (e.g. with ADSL, SDL, mobile), phone application problems and other cloud email services on PC, tablet, phone or Mac.

- **Resolution of sync errors and permissions.**

Using Microsoft 365 SharePoint and Teams needs some permission management. Sometimes local file synchronisations also get confused or broken, especially when users access the same files. We are able to fix these errors and reconfigure things safely for users.

- **Setting up and helping with mobile phone or tablet email and apps.**

Smartphones, tablets and other internet devices can access your data and email. We'll help you set these up to work with your data and services securely.

- **Advice on IT security, scams and frauds**

While we can give advice on business rules such as GDPR, PCI DSS and Cyber Secure, we also know most of the current scams, frauds and other ways criminals try to exploit PC users.

If you are contacted by people on the phone or web, check with us if its legitimate and we can tell you how to be sure, this is especially true in emails which are often quite convincing.

All our staff are constantly trained in the latest scams and see many instances.

Don't guess or start a conversation if unsure, we will be available for up to date advice.

- **Home and non-office working:** Home PCs used to access business networks or generally used for any business activities should be secure. We will set up secondary equipment that accesses your services in secure ways, so you can work away from an office safely.

- **PC hardware monitoring:**

Our monitoring software reports back current and historic hardware faults so in most cases we can proactively fix such problems before a full failure or disaster.

- **PC software monitoring, including checks on backups:**

As with hardware monitoring most software systems can be fixed when they start developing errors rather than completely fail. We also configure, monitor and maintain, both onsite and cloud-based backup solutions for your PC or Mac computers.

- **Help and advice setting up, using and securing your phones or tablets.**

These devices are often the weak link in IT, we can advise and help you get them configured correctly.

They can also be used to access your business data on the move or on holiday. We can assist with this.

- **Monitoring your automatic backups.**

Backups need to run to be of any use. We check these daily.

- **Windows and application patch management:**

We monitor and pre-test the latest Windows patches before deploying them to your systems, we do the same for other common updates to products such as Adobe Reader, Chrome, Firefox, FTP tools etc.

Patching prevents most back-door attacks which target systems which are not kept up to date.

- **Anti-virus security monitoring:**

Checking that anti-virus products are installed and up to date.

- **Webroot managed endpoint security with DNS filtering.**

[Webroot Endpoint Protection](#) is a leading anti-virus and endpoint security product which we install and monitor. It is based on live data rather than traditional anti-virus products, which rely on downloaded signatures. To enhance this, we also provide DNS filtering (a content based firewall) as standard. This prevents access to security risk websites (URLs) by default, but can also be configured to cover further categories you might not wish to display (such as drugs, adult content, social media etc).

- **A true cloud-cloud backup mechanism.**

Our backup covers documents, email, contacts, tasks, shared data and calendars. With daily recall to cover many eventualities. Your machine don not need to be on, to be backed up.

- **On boarding support**

Includes basic user training in the basics of security, using web applications, data management and working with the extensive Outlook package. Getting a user up to speed in an ever changing world.

- **Reduced rates for onsite callouts.**

We offer reduced rates for any onsite callouts, although with remote support and maintenance, onsite visits are rarely needed

- **PC servicing,**

Running a PC service keeps your machine in tip top shape, just call us and we can do this remotely or if you prefer, drop a machine off to us. The labour element is covered under this support plan, but you may need to pay for any parts used

- **Labour costs for changes, additions, moves and removal of users are included.**

When personnel change, we will help with the new user setup.

Payment

The Core Support plan is based on support paid in advance via monthly direct debit.

To set up the plan we would send you a direct debit mandate (normally online) to make adding/removing users and services easier to manage. We claim the cost of the package via direct debit and send you receipts each month for tax purposes. Billing is on the 1st of the month.

Termination of contract

Either of us can terminate cover with 1-month notice. There is no long-term tie in.

Some Exclusions

Force Majeure might prevent us attending onsite or conducting remote support. An internet connection is also generally required for most interactions other than phone support (often phone support can get the internet working again).

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