

## How to Leave S Mode

Microsoft Windows now comes in Windows 11 s and Windows S mode.

This Operating System will not allow purchases from anything other than the Microsoft APP Store. This is because Microsoft verify the APPS only in the Microsoft APP store and cannot vouch for any other store APP purchases as Safe. In this way, a device running Windows 11 s or in S mode, can not even download a NON-Microsoft App without getting a warning to say that the APP cannot be downloaded while the device is in S mode.

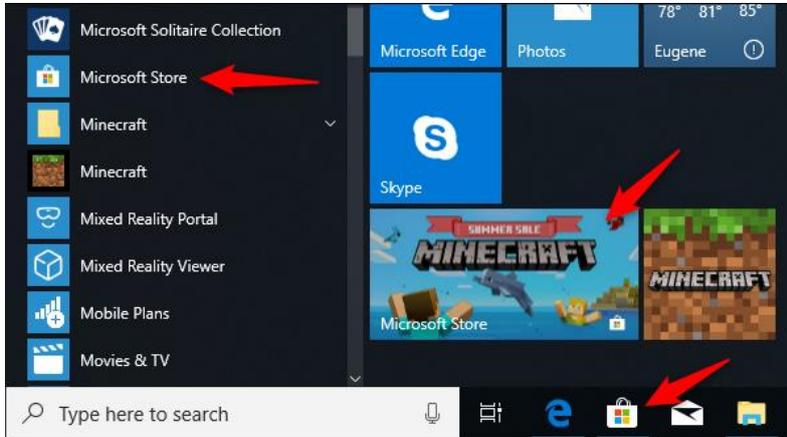
This means Chrome can not be installed while a device is running Windows 11 s or is in S mode because Chrome comes from the Google Web store which is not Microsoft.

If you want to download and run different APPs you can leave S mode or opt out of S mode. However, it is important to note that according to Microsoft, you can not change the device back to S mode. Should the device need to have Windows reinstalled, owners of devices will need to make sure that they can put an image (Operating System) back on the device.

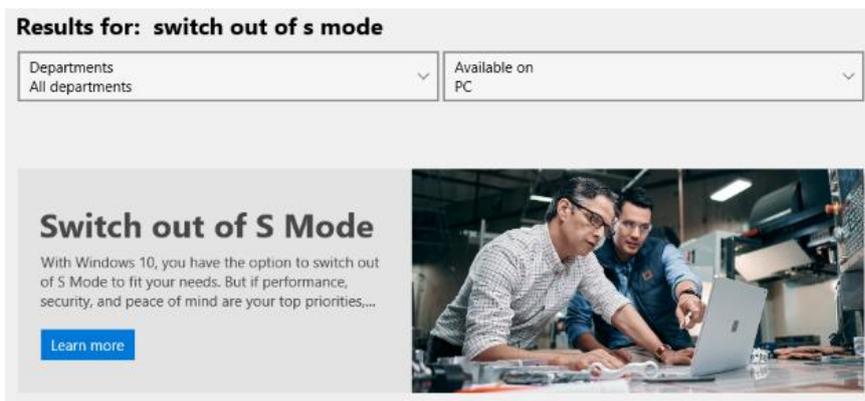
**WARNING:** At Grafton High School we encourage anyone who has purchased a Windows device to be aware of the limitations of S mode with regard to Chrome. We encourage Parents, Carers and students to research what it means to leave Windows 11 s prior to leaving S Mode.

## Steps to leave S Mode

1. Launch the “Microsoft Store” app.
2. Search for “Switch out of S Mode.”



3. On the “Switch Out of S Mode” banner click “Learn More”.



4. Click “Get” to begin the short process of leaving S Mode.

