Replacing your laptop with an iPad

You may find life easier with an iPad instead of a laptop. They are more secure, easier to use, more portable and have super battery life.

Virtual keyboards are OK for a line or two, better to get a bluetooth keyboard. The one I am using right now is a Jetech keyboard from Amazon. Its less than £10 and is super. Note that you cannot use a mouse with an iPad; it would be nice if Apple enabled iOS to do so.

Also worth getting: A stand for your ipad, a sleeve to protect it when you are away from home, and a bluetooth speaker that's water resistant so you can play your music anywhere around the house.

So, think about the things you use your laptop for and see if the iPad will do them. Download the extra software you want from Apple's Appstore.

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    1. By email, wetransfer.com, Dropbox or iCloud. Note that iCloud is not good if you have lots of files as broadband upload speeds in UK are usually poor.
    2. By using a Sandisk iXpand flash drive. Get a USB cover as well to stop it scratching the back of your iPad.
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