

21. BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE AND MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Rationale

Appropriate use of technology has enhanced learning experiences for students and impacts learning in the classroom. It allows students to be able to access multiple resources, collaborate freely and communicate creatively amongst many other benefits.

Whilst there are many advantages to using technology in an educational setting, there can be disadvantages depending on the type of device and the purpose of its use.

With this in mind, we want our students to be able to use technology to enrich their learning but also be able to utilize the times when it is more valuable to take advantage of face-to-face interaction.

Aims

Our aim is for students to use technology to enhance their learning journey. We want them to become confident in using technology in life beyond school.

We also want students to appreciate the value of social interaction without technology, which is often disrupted by mobile phones. By doing this students will build their emotional awareness and empathy and in turn allow them to build strong, rich and long-lasting relationships.

Policy Statement

- All students of age(11-18) to be equipped with a suitable device.
- It is strongly recommended that students of ages (11-14) are equipped with a suitable device.
- Students of ages (11-14) can borrow a device if they need to wait for one to be repaired/replaced.

- Students are permitted to use a Laptop/iPads during Lunch/Break in all areas of the school for education purpose.
- Students are freely allowed to use their BYOD in the mornings up until form time when it will be up to form tutor discretion.
- **Mobile phones are not an approved learning device.**
- From the moment students enter the school premises their mobile phone must be switched off.
- Students are permitted to switch mobile phones back on at school leaving time on site to arrange their own transport.
- Students of ages (16 to 18) will be allowed to use their phones in the common room for education activity.
- For Secondary staff if a student has a phone go off in lesson, uses the device in the classroom, or around school, it is an instant confiscation regardless of circumstances unless otherwise directed by a Key Stage Leader.
- Mobile phones do not have to be being actively used. Even seeing a phone on a student or in a pocket and so on is enough to warrant confiscations. They should switch off, in a bag, or in the student locker.

Additional points

- Large gaming laptops are unsuitable for study and will not be allowed for students.
- Older model iPads are also not suitable for students.
- If buying a new device, we advise parents to go with a device from our specification document (see below).
- All students will have access to the Office365 Suite.

- BYOD devices are not confiscated in class or around school instead staff will log as “Inappropriate use of BYOD” which will be monitored.
- However, staffs are free to use their professional judgment in class to confiscate until the end of their lesson a device if being used inappropriately.
- If students wish to contact home during the school day, they must do this via the school reception.
- If parents wish to contact students during the school day, they must do this via the school reception.