

An illustration showing various hands interacting with different types of technology: a laptop, a tablet, a smartphone, and a tablet with a logo. The background is a dark blue gradient with white and light blue elements.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BYOD PROGRAM



CAN MY CHILD BRING A LAPTOP FROM HOME?

YES, PROVIDING THAT IT HAS THE FOLLOWING SPECS.....

- AT LEAST AN 8 HOUR BATTERY AS CHARGING OF DEVICES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT SCHOOL
- WINDOWS 10/11 PC ONLY (NO MACBOOK OR CHROMEBOOK)
- LAPTOP MUST HAVE AN OPERATING SYSTEM WINDOWS 10/11 HOME OR PRO (NOT WINDOWS 10/11 IN S MODE)
- LAPTOP MUST BE ABLE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY
- LAPTOP MUST BE RELIABLE

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE BYOD PROGRAM?

- A SCHOOL LAPTOP WILL BE PROVIDED EACH DAY
- THIS LAPTOP CANNOT BE TAKEN HOME
- THIS LAPTOP WILL BE A SHARED DEVICE ACROSS ALL YEAR 4 CLASSROOMS
- THIS LAPTOP WILL NOT BE TOUCH-SCREEN
- ALL DATA WILL HAVE TO BE SAVED DAILY AT SCHOOL ONTO A USB STICK AS THE DEVICE IS SHARED
- HOMEWORK TASKS WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON A USB STICK AS THE SCHOOL LAPTOPS ARE SHARED
- HOMEWORK TASKS MAY HAVE TO BE HAND WRITTEN

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD FORGETS TO BRING THEIR LAPTOP TO SCHOOL?

- YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED WITH A SPARE LAPTOP ON THAT DAY
- IF IT OCCURS ON A REGULAR BASIS, THE PARENT WILL BE NOTIFIED

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE STUDENT'S COMPUTER HAS A CONNECTION / SOFTWARE ISSUE AT SCHOOL?

- THE SCHOOL TECHNICIANS WILL ENDEAVOUR TO ASSIST WITH ANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS
- ANY MAJOR TECHNICAL FAULTS WILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED THROUGH A CURRENT WARRANTY AGREEMENT IF TAKEN UP WHEN PURCHASED / AT COST TO THE PARENT
- A LAPTOP WILL BE PROVIDED WHILE ANY REPAIRS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN
- PARENTS / STUDENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGLIGENT DAMAGES

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LAPTOP IF MY CHILD LEAVES THE SCHOOL BEFORE THE END OF YEAR 6?

- AS THE LAPTOP IS THE PROPERTY OF THE CHILD / FAMILY, IT REMAINS WITH THE CHILD / FAMILY
- FAMILIES WHO WISH TO SELL THE LAPTOP TO ANOTHER STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL, MAY DO SO WITHOUT INVOLVING THE SCHOOL

WHAT HAPPENS IF DATA IS LOST?

- STUDENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN BACKUP OF CRITICAL DATA AT ALL TIMES.
- THIS MAY BE THROUGH A USB OR EXTERNAL DRIVE.
- STUDENTS MAY PERIODICALLY BACK UP THEIR WORK ON THE SCHOOL SERVER.
- THIS IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT BUT WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TEACHERS.

WILL THE LAPTOPS BE USED TOO MUCH?

- THE 1:1 DEVICE WILL ENHANCE THE EXISTING SCHOOL CURRICULUM BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE DIGITAL LEARNING TOOLS IN BALANCE WITH MORE TRADITIONAL LEARNING TOOLS.
- STUDENTS MAY USE THE LAPTOPS BETWEEN 20% - 40% IN A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY.
- STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED TO IMPROVE THEIR HANDWRITING AS WELL AS USING THE KEYBOARD.
- STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO USE PAPER AND PENCIL FOR MANY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING: HANDWRITING, SPELLING, WRITING (PLANNING, INITIAL DRAFT AND PUBLISHING), MATHEMATICS (NOTES AND PROBLEM SOLVING, MENTAL MATHS) AND PARTS OF INQUIRY LEARNING

CAN STUDENTS INSTALL THEIR OWN SOFTWARE?

- YES, BUT IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH HARD DRIVE SPACE AND RAM AVAILABLE TO ENGAGE IN ALL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
- DOWNLOADING MUSIC, GAMES AND VIDEOS FROM THE INTERNET DURING SCHOOL HOURS IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WHEN DIRECTED BY A TEACHER.
- ALL SOFTWARE LOADED MUST BE APPROPRIATE

CAN STUDENTS SHARE LAPTOP WITH THEIR SIBLINGS?

- NO. THIS IS BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD).
- STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BRING THEIR LAPTOPS EVERYDAY.
- THERE WILL BE RANDOM AUDITS.
- STUDENTS HAVE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE LAPTOPS.

HOW CAN STUDENTS ACCESS THE INTERNET FROM HOME?

- HOME INTERNET CONNECTION IS NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- THERE IS NO MANDATED EXPECTATION THAT INTERNET ACCESS BE MADE AVAILABLE AT HOME.
- IF THERE IS AN EXISTING PROVISION AT HOME, THE LAPTOP CAN BE CONFIGURED FOR ACCESS.

WHAT ABOUT SAFE INTERNET USE?

- TEACHERS WILL SUPERVISE STUDENTS AS THEY WOULD FOR ANY LEARNING ACTIVITY AS THEY CREATE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE, COMFORTABLE AND LEARNING-FOCUSED CLASSROOM.
- APPROPRIATE USE OF THE INTERNET SERVICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NETWORK IS CLOSELY MONITORED BY A FILTERING SYSTEM, WHICH ALLOWS FOR INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BLOCKING BY A REGULARLY UPDATED LIST OF CATEGORIES AND SITES.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO USE OF DEVICES OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL NETWORK.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A VIRUS GETS INTO THE LAPTOP?

- THE LAPTOP WILL COME WITH UP TO DATE VIRUS PROTECTION THAT WILL BE SET TO AUTOMATICALLY SCAN THE DEVICE WHEN THE STUDENT LOGS ON AT SCHOOL.
- IF A VIRUS IS IDENTIFIED, THE SCHOOL TECHNICIAN WILL REMOVE IT.
- IF THE VIRUS IS SEVERE AND HAZARDOUS TO OUR NETWORK, THE LAPTOP MAY HAVE TO BE RE-IMAGED, WITH ALL DATA LOST!

CAN OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS USE THE LAPTOP?

- IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE LAPTOP BECOMES THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT
- THIS WILL PREVENT INAPPROPRIATE SOFTWARE FROM BEING LOADED BY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS
- THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE DEVICE IS FULLY CHARGED EACH DAY WHEN BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

WILL THE STUDENT FILES ON THE LAPTOP BE PRIVATE?

- NO. STUDENTS CAN EXPECT THEIR LAPTOPS TO BE PERIODICALLY INSPECTED AND MONITORED FOR APPROPRIATE USAGE.
- TEACHERS / TECHNICIANS / ICT MANAGER MAY REQUEST ACCESS TO THE BROWSER HISTORY AND/OR CACHES AS WELL AS ALL FILES BELONGING TO THE STUDENT, AS WELL AS THOSE STORED ON THE SCHOOL SERVERS.
- STUDENTS AND PARENTS NEED TO BE AWARE THAT FILES STORED LOCALLY OR ON SCHOOL SERVERS ARE NOT PRIVATE.

WHAT IF THE LAPTOP IS USED FOR INAPPROPRIATE PURPOSES?

- THIS WILL BE SEEN AS A BREACH OF OUR SCHOOL'S "ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY" AND THE LAPTOP MAY BE BANNED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY.
- IN EXTREME CASES THE LAPTOP MAY ALSO BE RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL IMAGE AND ALL PERSONALISED CONTENT MAY BE DELETED.
- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF LAPTOPS AT ALL TIMES.

WILL THE STUDENT / PARENT BE REQUIRED TO SIGN ANY BYOD USER DOCUMENTATION?

- YES. STUDENTS AND PARENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A “BYOD ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY” WHILE THE DEVICES ARE BEING IMAGED IN READINESS FOR DELIVERY
- WHEN RETURNED, THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE FILED AT SCHOOL