

BYOD Policy

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Mission Statement

Grammar school believe that every child matters and that learning should be fun, innovative, purposeful and challenging.

School's Mission

We are committed to delivering innovative and inspirational teaching that develops confident learners by:

- *Encouraging students to take ownership of their learning.*
- *Developing teaching strategies that are innovative, engaging and fun.*
- *Preparing our students for the challenges ahead and make them ready for life as global citizens.*
- *Enabling our students to become critical, independent thinkers who embrace lifelong learning.*
- *Ensuring that equal opportunity exists to empower our students to achieve their personal best.*
- *Promoting a positive and respectful partnership with students, teachers, parents and the wider community.*
- *Working closely with the school owners and Board of Governors to ensure resources are available to support teaching and learning.*

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the expectations and responsibilities for students and staff participating in the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme at Grammar School, Dubai. It aims to promote safe, secure, and responsible use of personal digital devices for educational purposes within the school environment.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors who access the school network or use personal devices on school premises for educational purposes.

3. BYOD Agreement

All students and parents must sign a BYOD Agreement Form before a personal device is permitted on school premises (2025-26). The agreement includes:

- Acknowledgement of the BYOD policy.
- Commitment to responsible use.
- Consent for monitoring and managing access while on the school network.
- Acceptance of liability terms.

4. Approved Device Specifications

Devices must meet the following minimum requirements to ensure compatibility with school systems and effective classroom use:

Device Type	Minimum Specifications
Laptop/Tablet	8GB RAM, 128GB storage, Wi-Fi enabled, webcam, microphone
Operating System	Windows 10+, macOS 11+, iPadOS 15+, Android 11+
Battery Life	Minimum 6 hours
Software	Microsoft Office compatibility, antivirus software

Note: Smartphones are not approved for academic use during lessons.

5. Network Access and Filtering

- Students will connect to the designated Student Wi-Fi network only.
- The school reserves the right to use content filtering and monitoring tools to safeguard users and maintain academic integrity.
- Access to certain sites, such as gaming or social media platforms, may be restricted during school hours.
- VPN use is strictly prohibited on school networks.

6. Maintenance and Liability

- Devices are the responsibility of the student and their family.
- The school is not liable for any damage, loss, or theft of personal devices.
- Students must ensure their device is fully charged each day and kept in a protective case.
- IT support is limited to basic guidance and connectivity support; no repairs or software installation will be performed by school technicians on personal devices.

7. Responsible Use and Social Media Guidance

Students must:

- Use devices only for educational purposes during school hours unless otherwise authorised.
- Not use devices to record, photograph or share content without permission.
- Follow school behaviour expectations when communicating online or accessing content.
- Social media use is prohibited during school hours unless part of an approved learning activity.

- Any form of cyberbullying, harassment or inappropriate content sharing (e.g. memes, videos, messages) will be treated as a serious disciplinary offence.

8. Security and Data Protection

- Students must use strong passwords and avoid sharing credentials.
- Devices must be protected by passcodes, and encrypted where possible.
- Students must not attempt to access, modify or bypass school security systems.

9. Breaches and Sanctions

Violations of this policy may result in:

- Temporary or permanent loss of BYOD privileges.
- Confiscation of device pending parent meeting.
- Disciplinary action in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.
- Referral to external authorities in cases of illegal or harmful activity.

10. Monitoring, Review and Compliance

- This policy has been discussed and agreed by the Grammar School staff and leadership team for implementation.
- This policy will be reviewed annually or upon significant changes in technology, legislation, or organisational structure.
- Non-compliance may result in disciplinary procedures, including access restriction or termination of employment or enrolment.

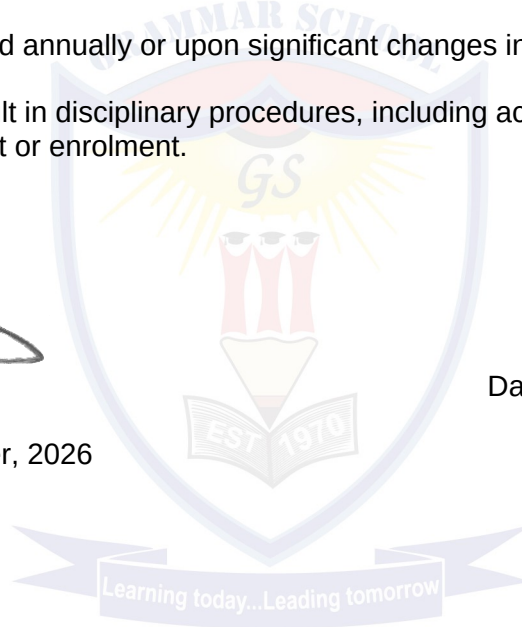


Signed:

Benjamin Barry

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BYOD Agreement Form.

Student Information

- Full Name: _____
- Year Group: _____
- Device Type: _____
- Device Serial Number: _____

Terms of Agreement

I, the student, understand and agree to the following:

1. Purpose of Use

- My device is for **educational purposes only** during school hours, as directed by teachers.
- 2. **Device Specifications & Functionality**
 - My device meets the school's minimum technical requirements and is in good working order.
 - My device has a fully charged battery each day and has any necessary apps or software installed.
- 3. **Network Use**
 - I will connect only to the school's designated Wi-Fi network.
 - I will not attempt to bypass security filters or use VPNs.
- 4. **Responsible Use**
 - I will not use my device to record, photograph, or share content without permission.
 - I will not use social media during school hours unless instructed for a learning activity.
 - I will not participate in or promote cyberbullying or access inappropriate content.
- 5. **Security and Data Protection**
 - I will keep my device password protected and will not share login credentials.
 - I understand that the school may monitor and manage network activity on my device.
- 6. **Maintenance and Liability**
 - I am responsible for the care, safety, and maintenance of my device.
 - I understand that the school is not liable for any damage, theft, or loss of my device.
- 7. **Consequences for Misuse**
 - Violations of this agreement may result in:
 - Loss of BYOD privileges.
 - Device confiscation and parent notification.
 - Disciplinary action in accordance with the Behaviour Policy.

Signatures

Student Declaration

I have read and understood the BYOD Policy and the conditions above. I agree to follow them at all times.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Declaration

I have read and discussed the BYOD Policy with my child. I understand and accept the responsibilities involved.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____