



Mercy Mounthawk Bring Your Own Device Policy (Students)

Purpose:

The bring your own device (BYOD) programme involves allowing pupils/students to bring their own 'mobile devices' to school to support learning activities. In an effort to support student-centred learning and allow students to take more control of their own learning, the school will allow students to use certain mobile devices in the school. Students and parents wishing to participate in the BYOD programme must accept the responsibilities stated in the BYOD Policy as outlined below, and must read, sign, and return this form.

Types of mobile devices allowed under this policy:

For the purpose of this program, a 'mobile device' refers to a student-owned device such as a tablet, laptop, notebook, smart phone, smart watch or any other device capable of internet access. Personal gaming devices are not allowed under the BYOD programme. The school decides on the type of allowed device.

BYOD Policy Summary:

1. Any pupil/student who wishes to use a personally owned mobile device within school must read and sign this BYOD Policy. All usage of devices in the school is subject to this BYOD policy and the Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP) of the school.
2. A parent /guardian of the pupil/student must also read, sign and submit the BYOD policy to the school office.
3. Students take responsibility for appropriate use of their device at all times. The school is not responsible in any way for the device or for its' use.
4. Students/parents/guardians are responsible for their devices, including any breakages, costs of repair, or replacement.
5. The school reserves the right to inspect or monitor student mobile devices during school hours.
6. Violations of any school policies or rules involving a student device may result in a student not being allowed continue using the device during school hours and/or disciplinary action, for a period to be determined by the school.
7. During school hours, students are allowed use their device for learning related activities only.
8. Students will comply with teachers' requests regarding use of devices during school hours, and classes.
9. Mobile devices must be charged prior to bringing them to school so as to be usable during school hours. Charging devices in the school is not an option.
10. Students may not use the devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of other teachers or students. No images or video recorded at school can be transmitted or posted at any time without the permission of their teachers.
11. Student may use the dedicated school wireless network and content filtered broadband. Use of other unfiltered public wireless connections, such as mobile networks, is not allowed during school hours.
12. The school reserves the right to change the BYOD policy in line with overall school policy.

As a pupil/student I understand and will abide by this BYOD policy and the Acceptable Usage Policy of the school . I understand that any violation of this policy may result in not being able to use my mobile device in school, and could mean other disciplinary action.

Pupil/Student Name: _____ (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Pupil/Student signature: _____ Date: _____

As Parent/Guardian I understand that my child accepts the responsibilities outlined in the BYOD Policy. I have discussed the policy with them and we both understand our responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____