

Newton International Academy, Barwa City

Student Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

An International Community of Learners, Striving for Excellence and Celebrating Success

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NEWTON INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY | BARWA

Vision
An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success.

Mission
We aim to provide the highest quality of education possible for students of all abilities. In doing so, we aim to positively encourage each student to achieve academic excellence, enjoy creative diversity, develop critical thinking skills, and become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. To achieve this, we will provide a diverse education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline and motivation. We will provide and maintain a calm, trusting, and caring atmosphere where teaching and learning are meaningful and developed. We will work in partnership with our staff, students, parents, and the wider community to achieve our vision.

Purpose
This policy outlines the expectations and responsibilities for students who bring their own electronic devices (laptops or tablets – NOT mobile phones) to school. It aims to ensure that these devices are used safely, respectfully, and in support of educational activities, while protecting the school from liability regarding loss, theft, or damage.

Scope
This policy applies to all students in all year groups who bring personal devices onto school premises.

Acceptable Use
- Devices may only be used for educational purposes during lessons under the supervision of a teacher.
- Personal use (messaging, gaming, social media, etc.) is strictly prohibited during school hours unless explicitly approved by a teacher for learning purposes.
- Devices must be connected to the school's Wi-Fi network where applicable and must comply with internet safety rules and filtering protocols.
- Students are responsible for the security and care of their own devices at all times.

Newton Group Values:



Security and Storage

- Students must store their devices securely when not in use (in lockers, bags, or as directed by staff).
- The school is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of any personal electronic device brought onto school premises.

Liability

- Parents and students must sign the BYOD Agreement Form (see below), acknowledging that they take full responsibility for any loss, damage, breakage, or malfunction of the device while at school or during school-related activities.
- In cases of accidental damage or loss, the school is not liable for repair or replacement costs.
- Students found misusing their devices will face disciplinary actions, which could include loss of BYOD privileges.

Prohibited Actions

- Unauthorised photography, video recording, or audio recording of staff or students.
- Downloading or viewing inappropriate content.
- Playing games either online or already downloaded on the devices.
- Communicating using Discord, WhatsApp, and other platforms.
- Bypassing the school's network philtres or connecting to unapproved networks.
- Cyberbullying or inappropriate online communication.

Parent Responsibilities

- Ensure the device is suitable for educational purposes, fully charged, and updated with appropriate antivirus software.
- Reinforce with their child the importance of responsible use of technology.
- Accept financial responsibility for any breakage, loss, or misuse by their child.

Consequences for Misuse of Your Own Device in School

The code of conduct applies – students may receive demerits, and parents may be contacted.
In the case of a student intentionally damaging another student's device, suspension may occur, and the student must replace the device with the same one.

11. Review

The Social Media Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

BYOD Parental Consent and Responsibility Agreement

Student Name: _
Year Group: _

I, the parent/guardian of the above-named student, understand and agree to the following:

- My child may bring a personal electronic device to school for educational purposes.
- My child will abide by the school's BYOD Policy and Acceptable Use Policy.
- I acknowledge that the school is not responsible for any loss, damage, theft, or technical issues that may occur with the device.
- I accept full financial responsibility for the repair or replacement of the device should any damage occur at school or during school-related activities.
- I understand that misuse of the device may result in disciplinary action or revocation of BYOD privileges.

□ I agree to the terms outlined above.
□ I do not agree to allow my child to bring a personal device to school.

Parent/Guardian Name: _
Signature: _
Date: _