



Whitburn Church of England Academy

(Student) Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Preface

The Academy Vision and Values can be found here

<https://www.whitburncofeacademy.org/about-us/academy-ethos.html>

This policy and its associated procedures are based on these key principles and values.

Policy

Bring your own device (BYOD) refers to technology models where individuals bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. The academy recognises the benefits to learning from offering students the opportunity to use personal ICT devices.

It has therefore provided its students, staff and guests access to a secure, internet filtered, wireless network for the enrichment of educational activities.

Students and staff are expected to use personal ICT devices in accordance with this policy and the academy's **ICT Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)**.

Please note that students are never required to bring in outside technology to school. All students will continue to be able to utilise our school equipment. No student will be disadvantaged by the academy's Bring Your Own Device policy.

Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Personal Devices

- The primary purpose of the use of personal devices at school is **educational**. Using the device for personal reasons should only take place outside of lessons
- Students must use devices as directed by their teacher within lessons.
- Students must use their own network credentials to connect to the academy's wireless network, thereby having Internet access subject to usual monitoring and filtering as with the main academy network.
- Students shall make no attempts to circumvent the academy's network security. This includes, but is not limited to, setting up proxies and downloading programs to bypass security.
- Students are not permitted to use any electronic device to record audio or video media or take pictures of any student or staff member without their express permission.
- Students shall not distribute pictures or video or any other material relating to students or staff (*distribution can range from mailing/texting to one other person to posting images or videos online/social media*).
- Students are not to call, text message, email, or electronically communicate with others from their personal device, including other students, parents, carers, friends, and family during lessons unless permission has been given from a teacher or other member of staff.
- Personal devices must not disrupt lessons or private study areas in any way; playing games or other non-school work-related activities are not permitted.

- Students may not utilise any technology to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass, or annoy their classmates or others in their community. This is unacceptable behaviour known as cyber bullying and will not be tolerated. Any cyber bullying that is determined to disrupt the safety and/or wellbeing of the academy will be subject to serious sanctions.
- Students must check their personal ICT device daily to ensure the device is free from unsuitable material and free from viruses etc. before bringing the device into the academy.

Consequences for Misuse/Disruption

In addition to dealing with misuse/disruption within the remit of the academy's ICT Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and Behaviour Management Policy, one or more of the following sanctions may apply:

- Personal ICT devices may be confiscated and kept until an appropriate investigation and/or parental meeting or discussion has taken place.
- Privilege of using personal ICT devices at school may be removed.
- Access to the school's wireless network may be limited or withheld.

The academy reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review a personally owned device or file(s) when staff have a reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred, as per the academy's Searching and Confiscation Policy. In serious cases the academy reserves the right to contact external authorities for advice, investigation and prosecution.

Academy Liability Statement

Students bring their personal ICT devices to use at the academy at their own risk. Students are expected to act responsibly with regards to their own devices; keeping them up to date via regular anti-virus and operating system updates and as secure as possible etc. It is their duty to be responsible for the upkeep and protection of their devices.

Whitburn C of E Academy is in no way responsible for:

- Personal devices that are broken while at the academy or during academy-sponsored activities.
- Personal devices that are lost or stolen at the academy or during academy -sponsored activities.
- Maintenance or upkeep of any device (keeping it charged, installing updates or upgrades, fixing any software or hardware issues).
- Insurance cover in place to cover the cost of repair/replacement of a personal ICT device in the event of loss/damage to the device.

Disclaimer

- Whitburn C of E Academy accepts no liability in respect of any loss/damage to personal ICT devices while at school or during academy - sponsored activities.
- The decision to bring a personal ICT device into the academy rests with the student and their parents/carers, as does the liability for any loss/damage that may result from the use of a personal ICT device in the academy.
- By bringing a personal ICT device into the academy students and their parents/carers accept this disclaimer and agree to abide by this policy.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)		
Linked to	Acceptable Use Policy - Student Online Safety Policy Electronic Device Loan Policy Searching and Confiscation Policy Whitburn Code of Conduct and Dress Code	
Creation Date	Version	Status
13 th October 2015	1.0	Approved by the Governing Body
11 th October 2016	2.0	Approved by the Governing Body
17 th December 2019	3.0	Approved by the Governing Body
15 th November 2022	4.0	Approved by the Governing Body