

Plymstock School BYOD Agreement

Introduction

The introduction of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme at Plymstock School has warranted some changes to our Student ICT Code of Conduct. These changes are necessary to take advantage of the learning potential that BYOD offers. The BYOD Agreement is designed to set a framework for responsible and safe use of technology, protecting privacy and ensuring the safety of our students and teachers. It requires that the BYOD form below be reviewed, signed and returned to the Hub. The Plymstock School BYOD Agreement applies to all technology resources brought onto the school site.

Definition

BYOD: an acronym for Bring Your Own Device. For BYOD, a "device" is a privately owned laptop, tablet computing device, netbook, notebook, e-Reader, or iPod touch (or similar). For the purposes of this programme, the term "device" also includes any similar product owned by Plymstock School and provided for student use.

Requirements

- In order to use Plymstock School's WiFi network and participate in the BYOD programme, students and a parent or carer must review and sign the BYOD Agreement. This will be considered a legally binding agreement.
- The student is fully responsible, at all times, for the personally owned device brought to school. **Plymstock School is not liable for any loss/damage/theft of a personally owned device.** We would recommend that all devices be insured.
- Mobile phones (including Smartphones) are not part of the BYOD programme and therefore cannot be used during the school day.
- The student is responsible for the condition of the device brought to school, including updates, antivirus software, and repair.
- Personal devices should be charged and recharged outside of school. Personal devices should be capable of lasting a full day without recharging.
- Device use is limited exclusively to classrooms/study areas where the member of staff has granted permission. Outside of classrooms/study areas all electronic devices should be turned off and should not be visible.

- Students may not use any device or service for non-educational purposes during school hours on the school site – this includes the use of all social networking such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram etc...
- A device is to be used to enhance learning. It is not a substitute for traditional learning. Writing by hand is a very important skill and remains the primary way that examinations are taken.
- Students must not attempt, under any circumstances to by-pass the school’s filtering system.
- Students must not attempt to access unsuitable or illegal content, including any form of pornography.
- No device may be used to record, store, or transmit any type of image, sound, or video of any student or adult at Plymstock School, except for approved activities with the express permission of the teacher.
- If reasonable belief exists that the student has broken the terms of this policy, the student's device may be inspected and/or confiscated. Depending on the circumstances action may extend to loss of the right to use the device in school and implementation of further school sanctions. If an item is confiscated it will be up to parents to collect the device.

The above agreement and guidelines will apply to the following device(s):

Device _____ Serial# _____

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Student Agreement (this must be signed)

I as a student of Plymstock School have reviewed the above requirements and I understand that if I do not abide by these it will result in withdrawal of the right to use my device in school and I may face further school sanctions.

Signed:

Date:

Parent Agreement (this must be signed)

As a parent/carer of.....I confirm that I have reviewed the above requirements and agree to support the school in ensuring safe use of ICT.

Signed:

Date: