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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

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School Mission

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Introduction

The school recognises that mobile technology offers valuable benefits to staff from a teaching and learning perspective and to visitors. Our school embraces this technology but requires that it is used in an acceptable and responsible way.

This policy is intended to address the use by staff members and visitors to the school of non-school owned electronic devices to access the internet via the school's internet connection or to access or store school information. These devices include smart phones, tablets, laptops, wearable technology and any similar devices.

These devices are referred to as 'mobile devices'; in this policy.

Sections one, two and four of this policy apply to all school staff and to visitors to the school. The rest of the policy is only relevant to school staff.

This policy is supported by the school's Safeguarding policy. [KCSIE 2023](#)

This policy was written **23/01/23** by **E McHale (Deputy Headteacher)**

Policy statements

1. Use of mobile devices at the school

Staff must only use mobile devices in the staff room/classroom, or in an office, during free time, unless as part of a planned lesson.

Visitors to the school may use their own mobile devices in the classroom with the permission of the Headteacher.

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Staff and visitors to the school are responsible for their mobile device at all times. The school is not responsible for the loss, or theft of, or damage to the mobile device or storage media on the device (e.g. removable memory card) howsoever caused. Reception must be notified immediately of any damage, loss, or theft of a mobile device, and these incidents will be logged.

The school reserves the right to refuse staff and visitors permission to use their own mobile devices on school premises.

2. Access to the school's Internet connection

The school provides a wireless network that staff and visitors to the school may use to connect their mobile devices to the Internet. Access to the wireless network is at the discretion of the school, and the school may withdraw access from anyone it considers is using the network inappropriately.

The school cannot guarantee that the wireless network is secure, and staff and visitors use it at their own risk. In particular, staff and visitors are advised not to use the wireless network for online banking or shopping.

The school is not to be held responsible for the content of any apps, updates, or other software that may be downloaded onto the user's own device whilst using the school's wireless network. This activity is taken at the owner's own risk and is discouraged by the school. The school will have no liability whatsoever for any loss of data or damage to the owner's device resulting from use of the school's wireless network.

3. Access to school IT services

School staff are permitted to connect to or access the following school IT services from their mobile devices:

- the school email system (where appropriate encryption technologies have been deployed)
- official school apps.

Staff may use the systems listed above to view school information via their mobile devices. Staff must not store the information on their devices, or on cloud servers linked to their mobile devices. In some cases, it may be necessary for staff to download school information to their mobile devices in order to view it (for example, to view an email attachment).

Staff must delete this information from their devices as soon as they have finished viewing it.

Staff must only use the IT services listed above (and any information accessed through them) for work purposes. School information accessed through these services is confidential, in particular information about pupils. Staff must take all reasonable measures to prevent unauthorised access to it. Any unauthorised access to or distribution of confidential information should be reported to the school's Office Manager or Headteacher as soon as possible in line with the school's data protection policies.

Staff must not send school information to their personal email accounts.

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4. Monitoring the use of mobile devices

The school uses technology that detects and monitors the use of mobile and other electronic or communication devices, which are connected to or logged on to our wireless network or IT systems. By using a mobile device on the school's IT network, staff and visitors to the school agree to such detection and monitoring. The school's use of such technology is for the purpose of ensuring the security of its IT systems and for tracking school information.

The information that the school may monitor includes (but is not limited to) the addresses of websites visited, the timing and duration of visits to websites, information entered into online forms (including passwords), information uploaded to or downloaded from websites and school IT systems, the content of emails sent via the network, and peer-to-peer traffic transmitted via the network.

Staff who receive any inappropriate content through school IT services or the school internet connection should report this to the school's Office Manager or Headteacher as soon as possible.

5. Security of staff mobile devices

Staff must take all sensible measures to prevent unauthorised access to their mobile devices, including but not limited to the use of a PIN, pattern or password to be entered to unlock the device, and ensuring that the device auto-locks if inactive for a period of time.

Staff must never attempt to bypass any security controls in school systems or others' own devices.

Staff are reminded to familiarise themselves with the school's e-safety and acceptable use of IT policies which set out in further detail the measures needed to ensure responsible behaviour online.

6. Compliance with Data Protection Policy

Staff compliance with this BYOD policy is an important part of the school's compliance with the Data Protection laws. Staff must apply this BYOD policy consistently with the school's Data Protection guidelines.

School devices are to be used to process data of a personal or sensitive nature as the necessary security is in place.

7. Support

The school cannot support users' own devices but will offer advice to users in their use where practically possible.

The school takes no responsibility for supporting staff's own devices; nor has the school a responsibility for conducting annual PAT testing of personally owned device.

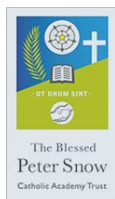
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8. Pupils

We understand that, when our pupils are older, they may need to bring a mobile phone into school.

These devices are not to be used in school and must be given to the teacher to lock away during the day and are returned at home time.

9. Compliance, Sanctions and Disciplinary Matters for staff

Non-compliance of this policy exposes both staff and the school to risks. If a breach of this policy occurs the school may discipline staff in line with the school's Disciplinary Procedure. Guidance will also be offered to staff to support them in complying with this policy. If steps are not taken by the individual to rectify the situation and adhere to the policy, then the mobile device in question may be confiscated and/or permission to use the device on school premises will be temporarily withdrawn. For persistent breach of this policy, the school will permanently withdraw permission to use user-owned devices in school.

10. Incidents and Response

The school takes any security incident involving a staff member's or visitor's personal device very seriously and will always investigate a reported incident. Loss or theft of a mobile device should be reported to Reception in the first instance. Data protection incidents should be reported immediately to the school's Office Manager.

Policy Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed following the 3-year Policy Review Cycle of the school or when there are significant changes to the curriculum that warrant it. It may also be reviewed earlier should it no longer comply with school practice or the legal requirements of schools.

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