



Sunday, 29th September 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Introducing Our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Initiative

We are writing to share some exciting news regarding the introduction of our *Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)* initiative, which we will be phasing in across the school over the coming weeks. This marks a significant step forward in enhancing learning and equipping pupils with the 21st Century digital skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

The phased roll-out will begin with pupils in **Year 12**, who will start using devices in lessons during the week beginning **5th October**. Pupils in **Years 10 and 11** will then begin using their devices after the half-term break, from **Sunday 26th October**. Over time, the scheme will be extended to other year groups, initially Years 7-9, ensuring that the introduction is smooth, safe, and effective. Our plan is to extend the scheme into the Primary phase later this academic year.

We are now in a strong position to launch this initiative in a **safe and controlled environment**, where the use of devices can be effectively monitored. To support this, we will be using **classroom.cloud**, a management tool that is installed on all pupil laptops to ensure devices are used responsibly and appropriately during lessons.

It is important to stress that we will continue to strike the **right balance between the use of technology and more traditional pen-and-paper learning techniques**. Technology is a tool to support learning, not to replace established methods. These devices lend themselves particularly well to some areas of the curriculum, while in other subjects, more traditional approaches will remain the most effective. As such, pupils will not be using devices in every lesson, all the time.

We also want to recognise that this is a **learning journey for our whole school community**. Some staff will embrace the use of technology naturally and with ease, while others may take more time to develop their confidence and skills. We ask for your patience and support as we work together to embed this change.

For pupils to gain the maximum benefit from the scheme, it is essential that:

- All devices are **Windows laptops** that meet the minimum hardware requirements (details can be found in the attached information sheet).
- Pupils bring their **fully charged device** with them to school every day.

To ensure both pupils and parents feel confident with this transition, we will be running:

- **Training sessions for pupils** on how to use their devices effectively to support learning.



- **Briefing sessions for parents**, where we will demonstrate how the devices can be used both in class and at home to enhance learning.

This initiative will also strengthen the use of our existing **Microsoft Teams Classroom Pages**, which every pupil already accesses for their subjects (in Secondary) and year groups (in Primary).

We are genuinely excited to launch this next stage in our digital learning journey and are confident it will have a positive impact on teaching and learning across the school.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your children as we roll out this initiative together.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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