



Rushall Primary School

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# BYOD Policy

(Bring your own device)

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Rushall Primary School uses technology as one way of enhancing our aim to generate a culture of optimism and ambition; embracing creativity, innovation and technology. Pupils learn collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in a variety of ways throughout the school day.

The school Acceptable Use Agreements for staff, pupils and parents/carers will give consideration to the use of mobile technologies. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Online Safety, Behaviour, Acceptable Use and Safeguarding Policies.

The School recognises that as technology has changed more pupils have access to personal devices and Internet capable devices. These should be seen as a resource and provide an opportunity to enable quick and easy access to content to enhance learning. Devices in the form of mobile phones, music players and tablets, eReaders, Kindles, etc. should no longer be looked on as distractions or contraband but could be used in classrooms to aid learning when short bursts of activity are required and a mobile device is more appropriate than a book, laptop or desktop computer.

The school owns laptops and tablets (iPads) that are available for the children to use, however, the school recognises that on occasions it is beneficial for children to bring their own devices into school (BYOD).

One example of this is when children have reading material on a Kindle, eReader, tablet or iPad, etc.

In agreement with parents, the school agrees that children may bring their own devices into school for certain activities:

- Reading material
- Sharing presentations that have been written on a device (e.g. a Keynote presentation on an iPad)
- Sharing a musical composition
- Sharing an animation/movie that they may have been created
- Supporting learning in the classroom.

The following policy statements should be read and agreed:

- The School or Local Authority cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.
- The responsibility for the device remains with the user and is used with parent's consent.
- The device will not be allowed to be connected to the school's network, without the specific permission of the Computing and Learning Technologies Lead, Technician or Executive Headteacher.
- The user should have good knowledge of its operation as further technical support is unlikely to be available as part of normal school lessons at this stage.
- The device should also be charged and in working order.
- Any purchases are only licenced for a single use; therefore, the content cannot be shared due to copyright laws.
- The content of the BYOD should be appropriate to the children
- The BYOD is for personal use and should not be shared.
- Use of personal devices during the school day is at the discretion of teachers and staff.
- Pupils must use devices as directed by their teacher.
- The primary purpose of the use of personal devices at school is educational. Using the device for personal reasons e.g. contacting parents, should not take place.
- The use of a personal device is not to be a distraction in any way to teachers or pupils.
- Personal devices must not disrupt class in any way.
- Pupils shall not use personal devices outside of their classroom unless otherwise directed by their teacher e.g. on school visits or activities.

- Pupils shall make no attempts to circumvent the school's network security and/or filtering policies.

### **Consequences for Misuse/Disruption**

(one or more may apply):

- Access to the wireless network will be removed.
- Device taken away for the lesson.
- Device taken away and kept in the school office until parent picks it up.
- Pupil is not allowed to use personal devices at school.
- Serious misuse of Internet capable devices is regarded as a serious offence within the School's Behaviour Management Policy and will be dealt with in accordance with this policy.

### **School Liability Statement**

Pupils bring their devices to use at Rushall Primary School at their own risk. Pupils are expected to act responsibly with regards to their own device, keeping it up to date and as secure as possible. It is their duty to be responsible for the upkeep and protection of their devices.

Rushall Primary School or Walsall Council is in no way responsible for:

- Personal devices that are broken while at school or during school sponsored activities
- Personal devices that are lost or stolen at school or during school sponsored activities
- Maintenance or upkeep of any device (keeping it charged, installing updates or upgrades, fixing any software or hardware issues).