

DGPS Bring Your Own Device Policy 23-24

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Learning Together, Growing Together

Vision & Values

At Dove Green, we are creating a world class British school that promotes a respectful, happy, caring and inclusive community. We strive to prepare all students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens, ready to meet the challenges of the future. In partnership with families and the wider community, our goal is to create purposeful, enriched opportunities for students that inspire them to become leaders of their own learning and develop the knowledge, critical thinking skills, and character necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world. We are dedicated to providing stimulating learning experiences through an evolving, challenging curriculum, fully reflecting the culture of the UAE and the wider world.

DGPS Way

At Dove Green Private School, we are:

Determined learners Global thinkers Positive achievers Striving for success



Rationale

As a forward thinking, modern school, Dove Green Private School recognises the importance of technology and computing literacy for all our children, especially the use of portable electronic devices. Our children are using and engaging with technology to support and enhance their learning outside of school. To ensure our children are as prepared as possible for a technology rich future, we have identified the need to make home and school learning more intrinsically linked.

In an effort to empower students to take ownership over their learning, we will be introducing a '*Bring your own device policy'* for all students at Dove Green Private School. This policy will encourage children to bring their own handheld computing devices to school to enrich and extend their learning in the classroom.

Bring Your Own Device Policy - Parent

1 Introduction

Use of internet and email services by DGPS pupils is permitted, and indeed encouraged, where such use supports academic progress, in line with the goals and objectives of the school. DGPS acceptable use policy requires that pupils:

- Use email in an acceptable way
- Do not create unnecessary risk to the school and themselves by their misuse of the internet
- Comply with current legislation

2. Responsible Use

- Internet access must be in support of educational activities
- All internet access must be via the Student wireless network
- When using email, extreme caution must always be taken in revealing any information of a personal nature.
- Network accounts are to be used only by the authorised owner of the account for the authorised purpose.
- Pupils to exhibit exemplary behaviour on the network as representatives of the school and community. Be polite!

3. Unacceptable Usage

- Accessing the Staff and Guest wireless networks to bypass security measures
- Use of personal communications systems in school, for activities that are illegal or against UAE customs, including the use of VPN software



- Use of school communications systems for sending chain letters
- Distributing, accessing or storing images, text or materials that might be considered indecent, inappropriate, pornographic, obscene or illegal
- Distributing, accessing or storing images, text or materials that might be considered discriminatory, offensive or abusive, in that the context is a personal attack, sexist or racist, or might be considered as harassment or bullying
- Accessing copyrighted information in a way that violates the copyright
- Breaking into the school's or another organisation's system or unauthorised use of a password/mailbox
- Broadcasting unsolicited personal views on social, political, religious or other non-school related matters
- Transmitting unsolicited commercial or advertising material (SPAM)
- Undertaking deliberate activities that waste staff effort or networked resources
- Introducing any form of computer virus or malware into the school network
- Accessing another person's email account
- Sharing passwords with other students
- Downloading media files for personal entertainment

4.Use of School Media Resources

For some activities pupils will require access to school media resources that are saved on the school network. These resources will be controlled by the member of staff leading the activity and the pupils will only have access through a school device. Pupils are only permitted to use these resources for the purpose they were intended to be used for. They should not:

- take copies of school-owned photos home or store them on their own devices
- post them on social media
- alter the resources

We are aware that this is a significant commitment for the school, parents and students alike. It is important therefore that parents fully understand the program outlined above.

There is one document included that must be signed by a parent and one that should be signed by your son/daughter. Please read this document carefully, sign and return to your child's teacher.

If you require any additional information regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Parums, Head of Primary.

Thank you for your continued support of Dove Green Private School.



User agreement

By signing this document you agree to

<u>Student</u>

I have read and agree to the guidelines laid out in the Bring Your Own Device policy.

NameDate

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Parent

I have read and agree to the guidelines laid out in the Bring Your Own Device policy. I give the school permission to monitor the use of provided devices whilst at school, and intervene when necessary.

Name	Signed	Date
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Date: September 2023

Designation: Principal DGPS

Next Review: September 2024