

Mobile Electronic Devices (MED) - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) (2020-2021)

Great news! We are returning to school and want to share the guidelines around bringing your own MED.

First, it is essential to emphasise that your child's learning is the key focus around this initiative. We have reacted rigorously to government guidelines and put full plans in place to protect our children and to ensure the learning opportunities meet the highest possible expectations.

In order to enhance access to learning opportunities across a range of subjects and support the blended learning approach, it is recommended that your child brings their own device to school which they can continue to use at home, this also supports the rules and regulations surrounding the covid guidelines. Where required, we can support our students with devices, but any sharing will be avoided and covid guidelines will be adhered to in regards to cleaning.



iPad device is preferable but other tablet devices are acceptable.



Wired headphones are preferable as they are easy to connect and don't need charging.



Please ensure the device is 100% charged for the start of each day.



(optional) If your device has a keyboard this would make typing a lot easier.



If you have Bluetooth headphones then you need to ensure they are fully charged.

For primary students we recommend a tablet device such as an iPad which still receives updates. Other tablet devices are compatible as long as you have access to the software that has been used during distance learning e.g. Microsoft 365 apps (free access for all GEMS students), Microsoft Teams, Seesaw, Padlet etc. Any other specific apps will be shared by the subject teachers. Tablet devices older than 4 years might not receive updates but that is controlled by the manufacturer so please check your device is still supported by whoever the manufacturer is e.g. Apple/Samsung/Microsoft. Students will have access to cloud/online storage through Microsoft OneDrive but it is recommended you have at least 8GB available for storage in case some applications require internal space. *If you have a laptop and no access to a tablet device then it should be fine for most tasks, and we can support with access to a device with apps where possible.

Each student must bring their own headphones which are compatible with the device they are using. Remember to fully charge the device each evening so it is ready for each school day. *Please note that mobile phones are not appropriate for school based tasks and students are not expected to use them during the school day. If you would like a full copy of the BYOD policy you can view it at <https://www.gemsfirstpointschool-dubai.com/For-Parents/School-Policies>