

## Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) (2020-2021)

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

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.



A windows based laptop is preferable but other laptops such as an iMac is 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 you have a tablet device then a keyboard would make typing a lot easier.



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

For Years 7-13 we recommend a windows based laptop for completing work and accessing digital content and resources. There are tablet devices with detachable keyboards or laptops which switch between the two features which are also well-suited, as long as they are compatible and you can access 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 applications will be shared by the subject teachers. Windows 10 is the preferred operating system, but whatever device you are using you need to ensure it can still receive updates from the manufacturer e.g. Microsoft, Apple, Samsung etc. Students will have access to cloud/online storage through Microsoft OneDrive but it is recommended you have at least 16GB available for storage in case some applications require internal space.

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 an appropriate choice for school based tasks and students are not expected to use them during the school day for any of the main tasks. 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>