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Dear New Year 6 Parents,

### **Year 6 Bring Your Own Device Programme (BYOD)**

At DCSPD, we have a 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) programme in Year 6.

As the advancement of technology in our society continues to develop at an unprecedented pace, device ownership in Year 6 provides a range of benefits to our learners:

- Empowered learning ownership at home and at school.
- Easier access to collaborative tasks with peers outside of school.
- A guided approach to device ownership in a classroom setting - to better prepare students for the transition to Senior School.

#### **What does this programme mean for my child?**

Your child will need to have their own 2-in-1 hybrid device. This information is being communicated now to give new parents time to plan for their purchase before the start of the academic year.

#### **What device and accessories should I purchase for my child?**

Attached is a detailed guide specifying our minimum device requirements and accessories for the Year 6 BYOD programme.

The device should be a 2-in-1 laptop & tablet model with inking (writing) capabilities, front and rear-facing cameras and a stylus pen. This will allow students maximum flexibility to access all learning experiences, eg. filming, programming and inking (writing) directly into software such as Microsoft OneNote.

We highly recommend a **Microsoft Windows device**, as our IT department are able to offer specialized support.

Our IT team will be able to install all of the required software, including Qustodio, which is monitoring software for parents.

#### **Where will the device be stored at school?**

Your child's laptop will be stored in a special cabinet which will be housed in each home classroom. This will ensure that their device is safe and secure throughout the school day.

#### **What support will be available for the students and parents?**

The following will be provided on an ongoing basis:

- Resources and guides on Firefly
- Computer Science lessons on device ownership, usage and responsibilities
- Online drop-in clinics for parents
- Face-to-face parent workshops for information on:
  - Digital Safety
  - How to manage your digital life

#### **Does this mean students will be allowed to use their devices in break times and lunch?**

Devices will be placed back into their cabinets during morning break time and lunch time unless they are being used with a member of staff for a specific planned purpose. Year 6 students are always supervised when using technology.



**I have another question, who should I contact?**

Please feel free to contact Arlene Kline, our Director of Technology: [arlene.kline@dulwich.org](mailto:arlene.kline@dulwich.org).

We look forward to welcoming you to the DCSPD family.

Kind regards,

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