

Digital Learning and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Linlithgow Primary School is an Anywhere Anytime Learning (AAL) school, which means pupils have access to the internet throughout the building via our wireless network. In order to make the most of this feature, we are inviting P6-7 pupils to participate in Bring Your Own Device (BYOD).

We are aware many of our upper school pupils have their own portable device (smartphones or tablets etc) at home, which they are familiar and confident with. Using a familiar device can boost confidence and support skill development.

Devices are already, and will continue to be used across the school regularly, as a tool to enhance and support learning; BYOD offers additional benefits such as allowing more pupils the chance to engage in digital learning without using shared school devices, they are familiar with their own devices and more confident in using them, and they have the option to save passwords to their device.

The use of devices would be controlled and managed, and only used when directed by teaching staff. Devices will be signed in and out to the classroom daily, however pupils are encouraged to be responsible for their own devices. We cannot be responsible for the security of any devices brought in school. In line with WLC policy, devices will be used according to the Code of Conduct (our school Responsible User Agreement) created by the children, Digital Leaders and staff.

We would like to stress that this does NOT need to be the latest up-to-date device. Any device with Wi-Fi capabilities is suitable. There is no pressure or expectation for pupils to participate in BYOD. If your child does not have a device or do not wish to bring it to school, they will continue to have access to our school devices.

If you would like more information on the benefits of AAL, BYOD and Digital Learning, please visit <u>bit.ly/lpsbyod21</u>.

If you are happy for your child to participate in BYOD, please complete the form overleaf and return to the class teacher.

Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

Kind regards

Laura Baillie Headteacher



Parent / Guardian Permission

My child can/ cannot use his/her own device for class learning.

Child's name______ Parent's signature______

Please return this to the class teacher. Thank you.

Parent / Guardian Agreement

I give permission for my child to bring a device into school, to enhance their learning.

I have read and understand the Responsible User Agreement, and I understand that my child will be expected to abide by these rules.

I understand that West Lothian Council has provided as much protection as possible to ensure children are not exposed to sensitive material.

I understand that any personal devices brought to school are done so at the responsibility of my child, and that my child is solely responsible for its care.

I understand that the school does not have any additional insurance to cover any accidents with personal devices.

Parent / Guardian Name	
Parent / Guardian Signature	
Date	

Device Information

Please complete this section about the device which will be brought into school.

Type of device (phone / tablet etc)	
Manufacturer (Apple / Samsung etc)	

Model