Introduction

There has recently been a change to Dundee City Council Policy, regarding the use of personal technology in schools. They now allow the use of personal technology devices ***if or when directed by the class teacher***.

The Acceptable Use Policy (attached) has been updated to reflect the above.

Please be aware that it is not compulsory for you to purchase personal devices for your child and if your child does bring such devices to school, we will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

Devices will be using school Wi-Fi only, therefore there are no cost implications for mobile phone bills. 3G and 4G are not allowed.

Copies of this document, the AUP and frequently asked questions are available on the school website under the BYOD link. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal, please contact our school office on 01382 435677 and we will do our best to assist you and direct your call accordingly.

Proposal

To allow the use of personal technology devices, eg smartphone, tablet, e-reader, netbook, in class if directed by the class teacher. Initially this would be for S4-6, unless there is a special arrangement created with support for learning. It will be entirely up to staff whether they allow this in their own classroom and pupils must be guided by the class teacher in this regard.

What this means for you as a Parent

* Any mobile technology could be used
* Internet/online access will be available in certain areas of the school
* Other apps/functions can be used throughout the school
* A poster displaying rules for ICT use in school, will be displayed in classrooms

Practical Examples

* Last minute research
* Photo/video sound recordings of work
* Voting and response systems
* Subject specific apps
* Making notes

A ‘live binder’ of case studies of examples of use has been created and is stored online and a link is available on the school website.

Restrictions

Devices may only go online via the school’s Wi-Fi network as directed by the class teacher. **3G and 4G are not to be used under any circumstances.**

Pupils will need to sign the new version of the AUP before their device can be enabled and designated members of staff will be able to authorise use.

Devices must be brought to school pre-charged. **Under no circumstances will charging devices be allowed to be used in school.**

Pupils will access the network with their normal log-in details. The Wi-Fi passwords **will not** be issued to pupils.

In the event of a misuse, the consequences for pupils will be to have their device temporarily confiscated and they may lose ICT privileges. Please refer to the AUP.

ICT support is **not available** for personal devices.

Devices are brought into school at pupil’s own risk and they are responsible for them at all times. Loss and or damage of personal devices are not the responsibility of the school.

Devices will not have access to the school shared network areas for storage and transfer of files, therefore pupils need to be encouraged to use glow where they have 1 terabyte of storage.

Equalities Issues

If pupils do not own a personal device and staff wish them to use one in class, arrangements will be made by the class teacher in advance to borrow school devices.