Bring Your Own Device

A Guide for Students and Parents

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At BIS Hanoi, Secondary students need to bring laptops to school for use in their lessons. This booklet answers a few questions about our BYOD policy (Bring Your Own Device).

What is the aim of this policy?

Students should be able to use their device to better organise their electronic work and to access the internet for research when needed. They should also have constant use of Google Classroom and other apps to allow for better collaboration and access to aspects of each lesson. Having unlimited access to a device also replicates how students are likely to work and organize their future lives at university and in work. Our aim is to use the technologies available to enhance teaching and learning, whilst guiding our students to become confident, caring and respectful digital citizens.

Why doesn't the school provide devices?

If the school provided the laptops it would be one type which might not be suitable for students' personal use. The aim of this policy is to allow students to integrate their life on one device to manage their personal time and work seamlessly. Parents and students are free to pick the device that best suits them and then replace it when they desire.

What device is needed?

It is expected that students have laptops as their computing device. They are generally more robust and have greater compatibility for software requirements. The device should have a physical keyboard (not onscreen) and should have Windows or Mac OS installed. Tablet computers are not suitable.

Minimum hardware specifications:
  » Laptop with keyboard
  » 11.6" screen
  » Intel Core i5 processor
  » 4Gb RAM
  » 802.11n wireless capability

What software is required?

A list of required software can be found on the school student intranet and the BIS Hanoi website. You can also find it here: http://bit.do/bishanoibyod

All software we require is free for educational use but you may wish to purchase a Microsoft Office license. Students must be able to access this package on their device along with Google Apps which is free to use online. We also require each device to run an up-to-date paid AntiVirus software to help keep our network safe and secure, examples are: Symantec, Trend Micro, Avira, McAfee, Malwarebytes, Sophos.

How will students access the internet? Is it safe?

Students will access the internet through our dedicated BIS Hanoi Student access. They must log on with their own details and we can then monitor internet use and take action if we find inappropriate use. Certain sites are already blocked. Students and parents agree to our ICT code of conduct by accepting their place at BIS; a copy of this is in the Parent Handbook and the paper version of the Student Planner. Students must have robust passwords and be responsible for who can access their computer; students are liable for internet access from their device. They must also backup work frequently. There are many home wireless hard drives that will do this automatically each evening. Google apps are automatically backed up.

Where can I charge my device?

We recommend students charge their devices at home to ensure they are suitably prepared for the school day. However, if needed, there are charging points in student study areas around the school.

Will the devices be safe in school?

The school cannot be responsible for laptops (or other expensive items) in school. Students should keep their laptops with them during lesson time and lock them in their lockers when not in use. Parents should document the serial number and insure the laptops for loss or damage in the unlikely event that there is an issue.

Will students use their devices in each lesson?

Devices will not be used in every lesson but the advantage of this policy is that they can be easily used for parts of lessons. The actual use of devices will vary in each lesson.

What about technical support?

We have a dedicated team of IT technicians in school who will be able to provide help for students accessing our systems. Hardware issues with student devices will need to be fixed outside of school. There will be a small number of emergency laptops in school that students can borrow if their device is not working. Please note that the technical support team can only provide assistance to students if software is genuine and the language is set to English.

How has the school prepared for this policy?

To allow all students access to the internet the school has expanded the number of wireless access points and put in a separate student wireless network for increased security. Teachers use a variety of internet-based applications including Google Classroom and this move allows them to expand upon this.

What about homework?

Much of the homework we set is longer on-going projects that require a mixture of work in school and at home. Students having access to the same device day or night makes this much easier and allows parents to look at what a child is working on.

What if I still have questions?

Any teaching and learning questions can be directed to tutors, subject teachers or Heads of Year. Technical questions can be asked to our Computing teachers or IT department.

BIS Hanoi is in no way responsible for:

- Personal devices that are broken while at school or on off-site school activities
- Personal devices that are lost or stolen at school or on off-site school activities
- Personal data that is lost or stolen at school or on off-site school activities
- Maintenance or upkeep of any device (keeping it charged, installing upgrades, fixing any software or hardware issues)

Parents should ensure they have adequate insurance cover in place to cover the cost of repair/replacement of a personal computing device in the event of loss/damage.

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