

# **Student BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy**

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## Vision, Purpose & Values

### Our Vision

Our students will be recognised locally & nationally for their positive impact on the communities and industries in which they choose to work.

### Our Purpose

To inspire our students to gain the skills, knowledge and behaviours they need to be resilient and thrive in an ever-changing world.

### Our Values

**Excellence:** A culture of creativity, high expectations, ambition and aspiration

**Respect:** Showing fairness, courtesy and mutual respect to each other and our environment

**Integrity:** Honesty, openness and trust at the heart of College life

**Diversity:** Celebrating diversity and inclusivity as a key to our success

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## 1. Purpose

The Windsor Forest Colleges group recognizes the importance of technology in enhancing the learning experience and promoting student engagement. This BYOD policy aims to provide a framework for students to bring their personal devices to campus, while ensuring the security, integrity, and equity of our educational environment.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff and visitors who bring personal devices to The Windsor Forest Colleges Group campuses.

## 3. Device Requirements

- 3.1. **Devices:** Students are permitted to bring laptops, tablets, smartphones, e-readers and other internet enabled devices to campus for study use.
- 3.2. **Operating System:** Devices must run the latest version of a supported operating system (e.g., Windows, macOS, iOS, Android).
- 3.3. **Internet Connectivity:** Devices must be able to connect to the The Windsor Forest Colleges group Wi-Fi network 'Eduroam'.
- 3.4. **Security:** Devices must have up-to-date antivirus software and the latest operating system updates.

## 4. Acceptable Use

- 4.1. **Academic Purposes:** Devices are to be used primarily for academic purposes, such as note-taking, research, and accessing online resources.
- 4.2. **Wearable technology** must adhere to the Wearable Technology Policy
- 4.3. **Respect for Others:** Students must respect their peers and refrain from using devices in a way that disrupts the learning environment.
- 4.4. **No Recording:** Recording lectures or discussions without the instructor's explicit permission is strictly prohibited.
- 4.5. **No Cyberbullying:** Engaging in cyberbullying or harassment is strictly forbidden.

## 5. Security and Data Protection

- 5.1. **Network Access:** Devices will be granted access to the The Windsor Forest Colleges group Wi-Fi network 'Eduroam', which is subject to our network usage policy and Acceptable Use Policy.

- 5.2. **Data Protection:** Students are responsible for protecting their personal data and ensuring that their devices comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- 5.3. **Malware Protection:** Students must ensure their devices have up-to-date antivirus software to prevent malware infections. Devices believed to be infected with malware or malicious code will not be permitted to access the network.

## 6. Support and Liability

- 6.1. **Technical Support:** The Windsor Forest Colleges group will provide limited technical support for personal devices, focusing on connectivity and basic troubleshooting.
- 6.2. **Liability:** Students are responsible for their devices and any damage or loss incurred whilst at College.

## 7. Equality and Inclusion

- 7.1. **Device-Free Classroom:** Teachers have the discretion to prohibit the use of devices in classrooms when they determine it is necessary to maintain a safe and focused learning environment. This discretion should be exercised judiciously and in accordance with college policies.
- 7.2. **Alternative Arrangements:** Students without personal devices can access The Windsor Forest Colleges group computers and other resources.

## 8. Monitoring and Enforcement

- 8.1. **Network Monitoring:** The Windsor Forest Colleges group monitors network activity to ensure compliance with safeguarding policies.
- 8.2. **Access refusal:** The Windsor Forest Colleges group reserves the right to prohibit network activity to ensure compliance with this policy, and in accordance with other IT and Safeguarding policies.
- 8.3. **Consequences:** Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action.

## 9. Review and Revision

- 9.1. This policy will be reviewed annually, or as needed, to ensure it remains effective and relevant.

## 10. Acknowledgement

- 10.1. By bringing a personal device to The Windsor Forest Colleges Group campuses, students acknowledge that they have read, understood, and will comply with this BYOD policy.

## 11. **Associated Documents**

- IT Acceptable use policies
- UK GDPR policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Wearable Technology policy