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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE - BYOD

Dear Parent

As evidenced during the pandemic, technological fluency is as essential as literacy and numeracy and will enhance creativity and inquiry-based learning, which are cornerstones of our educational philosophy. Significant research demonstrates that meaningful use of technology in the learning process has the following beneficial results for students:

- Development of 21st-century learning skills so very essential in the new normal.
- Increased student engagement.
- Flexibility for teachers in addressing different learning styles, including interventions for students as well as extensions for those who benefit from the additional challenge.
- Provision of a greater range and variety of assessment strategies to track student progress.
- Promotion of inquiry and critical thinking skills.

GEMS is committed to providing its students with the skills and attributes they will need to flourish in an ever-changing, technology-driven, global society.

As one of the leading GEMS schools to promote e-learning and digital literacy, we are happy to inform you that all students of Grades 2 to 8 are encouraged to bring their own devices. **(one device per student is allowed)** with the following minimum specifications. Students from Grades 2 to 7 have been bringing their own devices in the past academic years and learning has been enriched.

Grade 2&3

Apple I Pad's- 6th generation or above. Screen size 9.7 inch (Minimum)

'Android Tablets -Android version 10 or later (Higher versions recommended). Screen size 8.5 Inch (Minimum)

(We highly recommend I Pad's for Grade 2 and 3 students as adurable device)

Grade 4,5,6,7,8

Windows Laptop's

Minimum Requirements: -

Windows 10/11 Operating System/Intel Core-i5 Processor/8 GB RAM/256GB HDD

Office 365/ with Licensed Antivirus.

(We prefer thin Laptops for Students from Grades 4-8)

Apple MacBook -MacOS Version 11(Big Sur) or Later

(We highly recommend Windows Laptops for Grade 3-5 Students)

Please note that, the required equipment will be registered for internet access in our system.

Technology has become an integral part of our lives, including the education of our children. With this in mind, we would like to remind you of our school's acceptable use policy regarding personal devices. Please take a moment to review our school's **Acceptable Use Policy** in the link below, with your child and remind them of their responsibility to follow these guidelines.

Please [click here](#) to know about the **Acceptable Use Policy**. We expect all students and parents to respect this policy and use their devices responsibly. To ensure that we have your explicit consent, please fill out all the details in the form appended at the end of the document. By clicking 'Yes' at the end of the form, you accept and agree to abide by all Terms & Conditions stated in our policy.

Thanking you for your unstinted support and wholehearted cooperation in future-focused learning so that we collaboratively draw the very best out of our students.

Warm regards,



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