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**BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)**

Dear parents,

In today's rapidly evolving world, the integration of personal devices in education is imperative to cultivate future fluencies essential for success in the digital age. As the digital landscape continues to evolve, so do the expectations placed upon future generations.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programs offer students the opportunity to develop essential 21st-century skills, including digital literacy, adaptability, and problem-solving, ensuring they remain competitive in a rapidly changing job market. These initiatives not only prepare students for the realities of the digital age but also foster a culture of innovation, creativity, and lifelong learning that is indispensable in today's globalized world.

By embracing BYOD, schools empower students to become active creators and collaborators in shaping the future of technology and society, thereby ensuring they are fluent in navigating and leveraging technology to solve real-world challenges.

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 would like to inform you that all students from Grades 2 onwards will need to bring their own devices. **(One device per student is allowed)** with the following minimum specifications.

**Grades 2 & 3**

**Apple I Pad- 7<sup>th</sup> generation or above. Screen size 9.7 inch (Minimum)**

**Android Tablets -Android version 12 or later (Higher versions recommended). Screen size 8.5 Inch (Minimum)**

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

**Grades 4 & above**

**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 and above)**

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

**(We recommend Windows Laptops or Apple MacBooks for students of Grades 4 and above)**

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 learn 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 and conditions stated in our policy.

Thank 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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