

Nottingham High School BYOD Policy



Nottingham High School recognises the importance of technology and the educational benefits available through the use of technology. The use of portable electronic devices in the classroom can add educational value when such devices deliver content and extend, enhance or reinforce the student learning process.

Students in Years 7-13 may access the School's BYOD wireless network with an approved mobile personal device. Broadly speaking these devices are classified as smart phones, tablets, netbook or laptop computers. Users wishing to use such devices should ensure that they are able to access the School's Office 365 provision and that their device meets or exceeds the minimum system requirements for this product.

Students using their own devices in School are subject to the conditions of this protocol, Nottingham High School's Acceptable Use Policy and the School's Anti-Bullying, and Behaviour and Discipline Policies. Failure to adhere to these conditions may result in the revocation of the privilege to use personal electronic devices in the classroom and/or disciplinary action as appropriate.

Pupils should be aware that not every device will give the same user experience, display resources the same way or be compatible with the resources used in class.

Pupils will be responsible for setting up and maintaining the devices that they wish to connect to the network.

The BYOD wireless network will not provide print services or access to applications that are not web-based. Internet and email access will be filtered subject to normal School policy. Access to device-specific application stores (i.e. Apple iTunes, Google Play) will only be available at scheduled times of the School day.

Specific Conditions for Using Devices in School:

1. Nottingham High School Students in Year 7 and above are permitted to use a device in their lessons for educational purposes. Device use in lessons is similar to any other piece of equipment such as a pen or pencil. If a teacher asks a student to work without a device for a specific reason such as the taking of a test or to maintain behaviour, students are expected to comply as they would in any normal scenario.
2. All personal electronic devices brought into the School must be used in a responsible and legal manner and should not cause disruption to the educational environment.
3. The School reserves the right to confiscate and inspect a student's personal electronic device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated School policies or has engaged in other misconduct.
4. Students are responsible for ensuring the safety of their own personal devices. The School is not responsible for the loss or theft of a device, nor are they responsible for any damage done to the device while at School.
5. Students must keep devices turned off when requested.
6. Students must ensure that the device has sufficient electrical charge for use as the School cannot guarantee the availability of charging stations.
7. Students may not use the camera feature to capture, record, or transmit audio, video or still photos of other students, or staff/visitors without explicit permission given by the subject of the photo or video.
8. Students exhibiting harassing, intimidating behaviour or found bullying through the use of a personal electronic device are subject to discipline under the School's Anti-Bullying, and Behaviour and Discipline Policies.
9. Students are responsible for maintaining their own personal electronic devices. The School will not service, repair or otherwise maintain any technology brought to the School.
10. Students accessing the Internet on their personal electronic devices in school must only do so via the School's BYOD network. Mobile data connections must be turned off. The use of remote proxy services to circumvent filtering and security systems is forbidden.