

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