

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Isleworth

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE



These guidelines will be in operation for the period of increased COVID 19 awareness.

School Mission Statement

Our school family at St Mary's wants this to be a safe, caring, creative and happy place, where we all have a fair chance to learn and grow together and to do the best we can.

We do this by knowing and loving Jesus more every day and by following his teaching in a joyful way.

Rationale

- During the summer opening to more children the use of laptops and iPads enabled children to better access resources and learning whilst being in a COVID19 aware environment.
- Teachers felt that the use of devices deepened learning, personalised learning and enabled them to gather (through quick quizzes and assessments) accurate measurements of the children's understanding.
- The school now has 90 iPads of various ages, 60 Macbooks and 30 LINX Windows 10 convertible laptops. These devices are stored in units of 30 and can be used as one to one devices for the majority of our children, those in Y2,3 and 4. These devices are normally shared across the classes using a timetable but this is not possible at the moment.
- The school wants to offer the option of children in Y5 and Y6 bringing in their own devices from home. This is something that some primaries and secondaries allow but it's a new proposal for us at St Mary's.
- Children in Y5&6 would be encouraged to bring their own personal mobile electronic devices to school for the purpose of learning during the time that we are advised not to share devices.
- The school would aim to provide those children who did not take part in BYOD with a device.

Aim:

To enable the best possible learning experiences and access to learning and assessment opportunities for teachers whilst the school operates in a COVID19 aware state.

Implementation:

Technical Support will be provided:

- To access the school's wireless access during school hours

- Children may not use devices to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person or persons during school hours or during school activities, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
- Devices may only be used to access internet sites and apps which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- Devices will not be able to access the school's documents, files and folders.

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- St Mary's Catholic Primary School is not responsible for any possible device charges to your account that might be incurred during approved school-related use
- Children and parents should be aware that devices are subject to search by appropriate staff if the device is suspected of a violation of the school rules. If the device is locked or password protected the child will be required to unlock the device at the request of school staff
- The school's network filters will be applied to a device's connection to the internet and any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited
- It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that relevant up to date anti-virus software is installed on their device and to make sure the device is fully charged for the start of each day.
- If required, it is the responsibility of the parents, as owners of the device, to insure it against loss, theft or damage. This is often through household insurance.
- Devices will be stored in the child's tray during the day and taken home each evening for charging overnight. Devices should be fully charged ready for the new school day.

School Liability Statement

Children bring their devices to use at school at their own risk. Children and parents are expected to act responsibly with regards to their own device, keeping it up to date and as secure as possible. It is their duty to be responsible for the upkeep and protection of their devices.

The School is in no way responsible for:

- Personal devices that are broken while at school or during school-sponsored activities
- Personal devices that are lost or stolen at school or during school-sponsored activities
- Maintenance or upkeep of any device (keeping it charged, installing updates or upgrades, fixing any software or hardware issues).

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