

Welcome to Dubai English Speaking School



DESS BYOD Information Pack

2017/18

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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Commencing in September 2017, DESS will allow children in Year 4, 5 and 6 to use their own devices in some lessons. Wireless access has been made available for children to use and been created to enhance learning experiences. This initiative is **optional**.

Why?

At DESS, we have a vision for the integration of technology for the children. We have a responsibility to fully prepare our children for the realities of the university and professional worlds into which they will move after Primary and Secondary education.

As parents, administrators and teachers, we recognise the importance of technology, now and in the future. Indeed, the future is here, as forward-thinking schools around the world have embraced the inclusion of technology as best practice in teaching and learning.

What kind of educational activities will the personal devices be used for?

- Working in Google Apps for Education (Google Drive) for various purposes such as producing documents, spreadsheets, and/or slide shows.
- Google Drive for collaborative projects
- Accessing the DESS Learning Hub during class to support learning
- Access to video and audio recordings to support learning

Why iPad?

Initially, DESS students are able to bring iPad devices into school. The reasons are threefold;

- iPad devices fit the DESS strategy for use at school – see educational activities above.
- Ease of sharing content via connecting devices to TV screens at DESS to display work
- Mobility of device – size for transporting in and out of school - plus battery life

How can my child's device connect to the Internet?

At DESS, we have invested in the school wireless network which children may connect to while using their devices in the building. All devices need to be registered.

Can my child bring more than one device?

No. During the optional period all children may bring only one device.

What 'Apps' would be needed on my child's iPad?

We have provided a list of recommended iPad Apps to install – including an overview of the purpose of the application. You can find this list on Welcome pages on the Year 4, 5 and 6 section of our website, if you click the button, **BYOD Recommended Apps & Set-Up**.

There may also be a suggestion to purchase a small number of recommended applications throughout the year; however this will not be mandatory. Alternatives for paid apps will be provided.

Who pays for the technology brought to school?

These devices will be purchased by and remain the property of the family.

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Where will the devices be stored when not being used?

The school will provide lockable storage within each class within Year 4, 5 and 6. Devices will be locked away in storage at break times and during lessons when the children are not using the devices.

Who is responsible for damage, loss, or theft of devices my child brings to school?

The user is entirely responsible for his/her own iPad. The device should be treated responsibly and used with care. DESS will accept no responsibility for iPads that are damaged, lost or stolen. Teachers will help children identify how to keep personal technology devices secure, but children have the final responsibility for securing their devices.

When can my child use the electronic device at school? When can children bring their devices?

Children may use their electronic devices in class and shared study areas only when it is deemed to enhance their learning.

They are to be used with the guidance of teachers, in and around the classrooms. iPads should not be used for non-educational purposes.

Children should bring their devices every day, unless instructed to the contrary, e.g. for special events such as sports days.

How much time will be spend on iPad devices?

Children will not be using their iPads continuously over long periods of time. We have developed our DESS Learning Hub as toolkit of resources for children to access using their device. The amount of time spent on an iPad each day in class will vary, depending on how the teacher and child decide to use the device to support learning. The iPad is an educational tool that will only be used when it is the most effective means of meeting an educational outcome.

Where will my child's work be stored?

Children will be encouraged to store their work in the cloud using Google Drive through Google Apps for Education. In so doing, the student will have access to their work wherever they have Internet access - at home or in school.

If my child does not have a device, will they have access to iPad technology?

At DESS, our BYOD initiative is **optional**, therefore, if your child does not have an iPad device that you currently own – there is no expectation that you provide a device. As per the current iPad sharing system at DESS – children who do not have a personal device, will have access to shared school iPads.

Are there conditions to use?

Permission to bring and use personal devices is contingent upon adherence to DESS guidelines. Please note that if a personal device is used by a student for malicious purposes, to contravene privacy or to cause disruption to the educational environment, children's internet access privileges may be revoked or limited.

Before using personal devices in school - parents must sign the DESS RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT FORM 2017-2018 and return it to their classroom teacher.

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DESS RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT FORM 2017 -2018

Introduction

DESS will allow children to use their own devices in some lessons. Wireless access is available to children and this has been created to enhance learning experiences. Connecting to the DESS BYOD wireless network with a personal technology device is a privilege not a right. It is not a requirement for all DESS children and is **optional** in Year 4, 5 and 6. Permission to bring and use personal devices is contingent upon adherence to DESS guidelines. Please note that if a personal device is used by a student for malicious purposes, to contravene privacy or to cause disruption to the educational environment, children's internet access privileges may be revoked or limited.

Definition of Personal Device

For purposes of BYOD, a personal technology device is limited to iPad devices. At DESS, smartphone usage as BYOD is not permitted. BYOD is for use in lesson time only.

Data (of any type) should not be uploaded to the Internet or Touch TV screen (or be stored/used in a publicly visible digital location) without the verbal permission of the teacher.

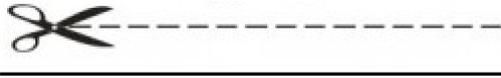
Conditions of Use

- All children in Year 4, 5 and 6 may use a personal technology device (iPad) on the DESS BYOD network by completing and submitting the attached BYOD Policy agreement.
- The use of iPad is solely limited to supporting and enhancing educational situations. They are to be used with the guidance of teachers, in and around the classrooms. iPads should not be used for non-educational purposes in lessons unless the child is given permission to do so by the teacher.
- Only the DESS BYOD network may be accessed on campus by children.
- Children must respect their peers and staff at all times when using personal technology devices.
- Children may not record images (still or moving) of other children or members of staff without first gaining their personal permission to do so.
- Children should be aware that staff will be able to ask a child if they can view the contents of their personal technology device if there is reasonable suspicion that the child has violated the BYOD policy agreement, school rules or is engaged in any other misconduct when using the device in school.
- Children may not use a privately owned personal technology device in lessons unless they have submitted a signed copy of this document to their teacher in advance.
- No student shall establish a wireless ad-hoc or peer-to-peer network using his/her personal technology device, or any other wireless device, while in school.
- The teacher may request, at any time that iPads be turned off in the classroom or outside.
- Sound should be muted on all iPads during lessons unless the teacher authorises the use of sound.
- No child shall use another student's network login details and password.
- Children must take full responsibility for their iPads at all times, unless the teacher gives permission for them to be stored in the classroom, in a secure location (eg: installed lockable filing cabinet). However, iPads would still be stored at the owner's risk.
- DESS will not provide a repair service or software installation to any iPad.
- This policy is in addition to any other DESS technology-related policies and agreements that are already in existence (or which may exist in the future).

Lost or stolen devices

- The user is entirely responsible for his/her own iPad. The device should be treated responsibly and used with care. DESS will accept no responsibility for iPads that are damaged, lost or stolen.
- Teachers will help children identify how to keep personal technology devices secure, but children have the final responsibility for securing their devices.

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PLEASE PRINT, COMPLETE AND RETURN TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER IF YOU WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE OPTIONAL BYOD SCHEME AT DESS

DESS - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE PARENT AND CHILD AGREEMENT

Child name: Class:

I/we have read the DESS Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT FORM 2017-2018 and hereby agree to the conditions of use as stated in it.

I/we understand that this policy form and the privilege to use iPads at DESS may be revoked at any time.

I/we understand that any violations of this policy may result in access to the DESS BYOD network being withdrawn when used in conjunction with an iPad.

I/we give permission for (Please print name) to use a personal technology device(s) on the DESS Student wireless network.

Device No	Serial Number (Found on back of iPad)
iPad Device	

Parent/guardian signature: Date:

