



St Dunstan's College

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY

St Dunstan's College recognises that as technology has changed more pupils have access to internet capable devices. This should be seen as a resource and provide an opportunity to enable quick and easy access to the internet to enhance learning. Devices in the form of mobile phones, music players and tablet computers should no longer be looked on as distractions or contraband but should be used in classrooms to aid learning when short bursts of activity are required and a mobile device is more appropriate than a laptop or desktop computer.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Access to the St Dunstan's College wireless network, whether with College-provided or personal devices is filtered in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). However, access from personal devices is limited to **internet use only**. Pupils will not have access to any documents or files which reside on the school network from their personal devices.

Access to the St Dunstan's College wireless network is a privilege, not a right. Any use of the wireless network entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school rules, and particularly the Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement (P15RD01). The use of the network also allows IT staff to conduct investigations regarding inappropriate internet use at any time, by teacher request.

RULES FOR PUPILS USING PERSONAL INTERNET CAPABLE DEVICES

By bringing an internet capable device to the College, all pupils agree to the following rules:

- Use of personal devices during the school day is at the discretion of teachers and staff. Pupils must use devices as directed by their teacher.
- The primary purpose of the use of personal devices at the College is educational. Using the device for personal reasons, e.g. contacting parents or other pupils, should only take place after permission has been given from a teacher or other member of staff.
- The use of a personal device is not to be a distraction in any way to teachers or pupils. Personal devices must not disrupt lessons in any way.
- The use of personal devices falls under St Dunstan's College's ICT Policy and Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement, which must be signed by the pupil before being using any College ICT. These documents are found in the Student Handbook and on the College VLE, Firefly.
- Pupils shall not use personal devices:
 - In the College corridors

- In the Refectory
- During Assemblies, Lessons or Tutor Periods (without permission from the relevant staff member)
- Whilst on College trips, including sports fixtures (without permission from the relevant staff member)
- Whilst participating in Forder Activities (without permission from the relevant staff member)
- If a pupil is given permission to use a personal device during a normally 'banned' time (see list above), she/he must only use the device for the purpose stated by the staff member granting the permission.
- Pupils shall make no attempts to circumvent the College's network security and/or filtering policies. This includes setting up proxies and downloading programmes to bypass security.
- Pupils shall not make or distribute pictures or video of pupils or staff without their permission (distribution can be as small as emailing/texting to one other person or as large as posting an image or video online).
- Pupils shall only access the internet via the St Dunstan's College wireless network whilst at the College. Pupils must not access the internet using their mobile networks, as these are unfiltered and thus contravene the College ICT Policy and Acceptable Use Agreement.

CONSEQUENCES FOR MISUSE

'Misuse' includes violating any of the above rules or failing to abide staff instruction with respect to the use of their personal device. One or more of the following sanctions may apply:

- Pupil may receive a verbal warning, call-back or conduct detention, depending on the circumstance of the offence.
- Pupil may have access to the College wireless network removed.
- Pupil may have a device taken away for the duration of a lesson, activity or event as appropriate.
- Pupil may have a device taken away and kept in the College Office until a parent/carer collects it.
- A pupil may have the privilege of bringing a personal device to the College revoked.

Serious or repeated misuse of internet capable devices is regarded as a Serious Offence within the College Rules, and will be dealt with in accordance to the Policy on Expected Pupil Behaviour and College Rules.

COLLEGE LIABILITY STATEMENT

Pupils bring their devices to use at St Dunstan's College at their own risk. Pupils 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.

St Dunstan's College is in no way responsible for:

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