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**KINGHAM HILL
SCHOOL**
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Digital Devices and Mobile Phone Policy

- ICT is fully integrated into teaching and learning at KHS. We have our own superfast broadband connection which supports Wi-Fi across the School site. A robust firewall ensures peace of mind and safe access to the best educational resources available.
- Digital literacy is an important skill for pupils growing up in the 21st Century, and the requisite learning is taught as part of the formal curriculum in Key Stage 3. Pupils learn not only how to use the technology, but the critical thinking and responsibility that comes with it.
- We have a device-free homework policy, except where there is an access arrangement in place, or where there is a public exam coursework requirement. In the latter case this will be communicated clearly via the pupil's prep diary.
- Although the School is well-equipped with computer suites and Chromebooks, pupils are required to bring their own education device. This should be a Chromebook or laptop, and the Librarian is happy to advise on an appropriate purchase (see below). These can be enabled and protected for use on the school system by our IT department, so that internet access can be assisted and monitored effectively. Charging lockers are available, where pupils can leave their devices during the day, when not required. We are also able to offer insurance cover (Pupil Personal Effects Insurance) with the School provider (Marsh Insurance) at a cost of roughly £10 per term. This policy has a £25 excess for laptop claims (you may wish to check your home contents insurance in this regard).
- Where mobile phones are concerned, we do not allow their use during the School day. We do not recommend that parents purchase smartphones allowing unrestricted internet access. Google Hangouts is a very effective means of communication for boarders, and for day pupils we recommend basic and inexpensive devices which allow communication when required about pick-up times, etc.
- Pupils are allowed up to two devices, and they must sign our Acceptable Use of Network Agreement in order to access the network.
- For further information, please contact the school.

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