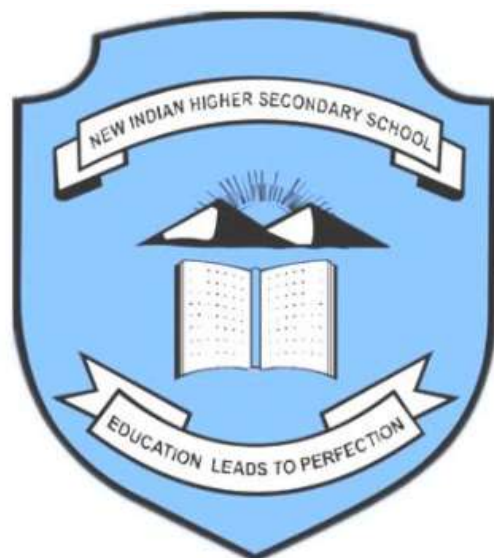


NEW INDIAN SCHOOL RAS AL KHAIMAH



BYOD POLICY

Signed:

Principal:

Date: 05/04/2022

ICT Co-Ordinator:

Date: 05/04/2022

NIS - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICES (BYOD) POLICY

Technology is an integral part of life, and this is no less true in education. At NEW INDIAN SCHOOL we are dedicated to a learning environment that gives access to appropriate technology in order to enhance learning, unlock potential and connect students locally and globally. We ensure that all students and staff have access to high-speed internet in all areas of the school and they may bring a device of their own to access this.

The students at NIS are digital-natives. For them, technology is part of the environment in which they are growing up. The BYOD policy has been designed to ensure that all members of the school community are given the opportunity to develop the necessary digital literacy skills to thrive in the digital age.

How does BYOD support learning?

Student-centered learning is a key value BYOD helps support this philosophy by giving students more opportunities to take responsibility for their own learning and to develop the attributes of the Learner Profile.

Our aim at NIS is for students to learn with technology, rather than learning from technology. The use of BYOD supports key contemporary learning skills including:

- Accessing, filtering and processing information
- Planning and organizing
- Making choices and decisions
- Facing challenges and problem solving
- Risk-taking and overcoming challenges
- Collaborating and sharing
- Communicating
- Being creative and innovative
- Reflecting

This policy applies to any device that is not school owned or supplied, and is used to access the school wireless network. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines and procedures when students use their own devices in school, to ensure safe use and the integrity of the NIS network.

Which devices are suitable for BYOD ?

At NIS our BYOD model is based upon The Bring Your Own Standard Device, where the students have to procure a device from a limited selection of standardised requirements dictated by the school.

Fully funded and owned by the student, but managed by the school.

This allows for both parent and student to choose a device which meets their budget and needs, while meeting the requirements of learning at NIS.

The devices “of choice” at NEW INDIAN SCHOOL are as follows.

Programme (Year)	Preferred Device
PHASE 1	Suitable Tablet/iPad
PHASE 2&3	Suitable laptop/MacBook or Tablet
PHASE 4	Laptop/MacBook

Please note that **smartphones are not considered a suitable device** due to screen size, storage limitations, and function restrictions.

Please look at the below specifications for the device you would like to bring in.

Windows Device:

1. My device is not older than 4 years, or was purchased during or after 2013.
2. My device has at least 4GB of RAM.
3. My device has a 4 + hour battery life.
4. My device has working Wifi.
5. My device has Windows 7 or above.
6. My laptop has up to date anti-virus software

Apple Laptop:

1. My laptop is not older than 4 years, or was purchased during or after 2013.
2. My laptop is running OSX Yosemite version (free to install)
3. My laptop has at least 4GB of RAM (8GB recommended for MacBook Pro).

4. My laptop has a 4 + hour battery life.
5. My laptop has working Wifi.

Tablet/iPad:

1. My tablet is less than 4 years old, or was purchased during or after 2013
2. My tablet is running the most up to date OS it is capable of
3. My tablet has a 4+ hour battery life
4. My tablet has working wifi.
5. A 10” screen or more (this automatically excludes mobile phones)
6. A Protective case

Software/Apps

- Word processing (word, pages, google docs)
- Spreadsheet capabilities (excel, numbers, sheets)
- Cloud Storage (GDrive/Dropbox)
- Chrome web browser
- Voice recording capabilities
- Video recording/editing

Students with tablets will be required to download Apps to suit the learning situation within their classroom. This may also include a Mobile Device Management software.

Are there restrictions on the use of my device?

The use of a personal device in the school is for instructional use only and at the teacher’s discretion. In addition, the wireless access is for internet use only, and users will not have access to other school.