



Ardee Community School

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

BYOD Parent/Student AUP

Purpose:

The bring your own device (BYOD) programme involves allowing students to bring their own 'mobile devices' to school to support learning activities. In the interest of supporting student-centred learning and allowing students to take more control of their own learning, the school will allow students to use certain mobile devices in the school. Students and parents wishing to participate in the BYOD programme must accept the responsibilities stated in the BYOD Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) as outlined below.

Types of mobile devices allowed under this policy:

For the purpose of this program, a 'mobile device' refers to a pupil/student owned device such as a tablet, laptop, netbook, iPod touch, or suitable smart phone. Personal gaming devices are not allowed under the BYOD programme. The school decides on the type of allowed device.

BYOD Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Summary:

1. Any student who wishes to use a personally owned mobile device within school must read and accept this AUP, a parent/guardian of this student must also read and accept this AUP.
2. Students take responsibility for appropriate use of their device at all times. The school is not responsible in any way for the device or for its use.
3. Students/parents/guardians are responsible for any device that a student chooses to bring to the school, including **any loss, breakages, costs of repair, or replacement**.
4. During school hours students are allowed use their device **for learning related activities only and only when requested to by their teacher**.
5. Students take responsibility for **ensuring that their device is powered-off at all times during the school day**, except when given permission, as above by their teacher, to turn their device on for learning tasks.
6. **Device Box** - Students are required to **place their device (powered off) in a box provided on the teachers desk at the start of each lesson**.
7. Students are **not permitted to make/take calls or messages on their device during the school day**. Communications from parents/guardians are facilitated through the school reception and students are facilitated by use of the student phone, located in the lobby, which can be used by students at breaktimes.
8. The school reserves **the right to inspect or monitor student mobile devices** during school hours.

9. Students will **comply with teachers' requests** regarding use of devices during school hours, and classes.
10. Mobile **devices must be charged** prior to bringing them to school to be usable during school hours. Charging devices in the school is not an option.
11. Students may **not use the devices to record, transmit or share any photos or video of any staff members nor students.**
12. Student **may use the school WiFi network and content filtered broadband.** Use of other unfiltered public wireless connections, such as mobile networks and the use of a VPN, is not allowed during school hours.
13. The school reserves the right to change the AUP in line with overall schools policy.
14. Violations of any school policies or rules involving a student device, contrary to this AUP, will be dealt with under the schools Code of Positive Behaviour.

Mobile devices found to be powered-on or in use without permission or used contrary to this AUP are retained in the school office until the end of the school day, and it is the responsibility of the student to collect their phone.

In the case of persistent breaches of the AUP a parent/guardian may be requested to attend the school to collect the student device.

Students in breach of the AUP may face not being allowed continue using the device during school hours and/or sanctions as determined by the school.

As a student I understand and will abide by this AUP. I understand that any violation of this AUP may result in not being able to use my mobile device in school, and could mean other disciplinary action.

Student Name: _____ (in capitals)

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

As Parent/Guardian I understand that my child accepts the responsibilities outlined in the BYOD AUP. I have discussed the AUP with them and we both understand own responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (in capitals)

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Alternative:

Students/parents who do not wish to bring a device to school must inform the school of their decision to opt-out. Therefore if you do not wish to accept the policy please contact the school at info@ardeecs.ie by 31st August at the commencement of the academic year, or as your request arises during the school year. Students/parents can borrow a device by arrangement with the school in this case where it is desired or required for classwork.