



# Bring your Own Device Program

Dear Parents:

Your child's classroom will be participating in a *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) project starting:  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BYOD refers to students being given the opportunity, at the teacher's discretion, to use personal laptop computers and/or tablets under supervision in the classroom for educational purposes. The Abbotsford School District operates innovative schools that prepare students for individualized, lifelong learning. We believe that the use of digital technologies to improve student learning is a key part in fulfilling that mission. Many of our students already own devices such as tablets and laptops that can supplement their learning when used appropriately in the classroom.

## BYOD Benefits

- improved access to online resources and digital tools
- enhanced opportunities to learn appropriate digital communication and citizenship skills
- additional opportunities to create digital projects
- access to assistive technology

## Device Recommendations

In order to participate in this project, we are asking you to send a device to school with your child that meets the following criteria:

- be no more than three years old
- have a screen size of at least 7 inches
- have internet capability
- can do word processing, presentations, spreadsheets, and basic multimedia (edit video, record audio, edit images)
- have a built in camera, microphone, and speakers
- headphones
- protective case or cover
- power cord

## Notes

You do not need to buy Microsoft Office because the Abbotsford School District is part of Microsoft's District Licensing program. This means that every student is entitled to a free copy of the full MS Office suite on up to five devices.

Students that do not have access to their own device will have access to one at school during regular school hours

No e-readers (Kindle, Kobo, Nook, etc.). Typical devices are Windows PC laptops, Mac laptops, Chromebooks, Android tablets, and iPads. Smartphones and iPod Touches are not considered to have large enough screens to be productive for a large number of potential uses.



### **Additional Information**

1. We will be holding a parent information meeting on \_\_\_\_\_
2. Students will be taught the appropriate use of technology with clear guidelines around expectations and consequences. This will include a technology use contract and handbook so students, staff and parents understand what is considered appropriate.
3. Students are expected to bring their device to school each day fully charged and take it home at the end of the day.
4. We will ensure the safety of the devices through lessons around the proper handling of devices and use of security carts or locked cupboards.
5. There will be professional development for teachers so that they may personalize their use of technology to support student learning.

Thank you for working with us to support the BYOD program. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,