



Ref: Bring Your Own Device Wireless Network

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Technology is a fundamental resource to support Learning, Teaching and Assessment, as well as playing an important role in the everyday lives of children, young people and adults. In order to build the skills to better prepare our young people for lifelong learning and work, it is essential that we incorporate the use of technology into our curriculum. At Mearns Academy, we are committed to ensuring that all our staff and learners are able to:

- Use digital platforms to support anytime anywhere learning.
- Use a range of digital tools to supplement lessons and submit work.
- Are able to use digital technologies outside of school safely.
- Are prepared for the constant evolution of technology and can adapt their skills for the future.

As part of our commitment to this, we have spent the last few months developing our online Acceptable Use Policy, the Google Meet Policy and sharing these with pupils/parents and staff.

I am delighted to share with you that we are now able to open the Education-BYOD wireless network for pupils and staff in school. When you join this, it will pop up with a disclaimer page which you must accept, once accepted you'll be connected.

Please note the following:

- Personal devices are brought into the school entirely at the risk of the owner and the decision to bring the device in to the school lies with the user (and their parents/carers) as does the liability for any loss or damage resulting from the use of the device in the school.
- The school accepts no responsibility or liability in respect of lost, stolen or damaged devices while at the school or on activities organised or undertaken by the school (the school recommends insurance is purchased to cover that device whilst out of the home).
- The school accepts no responsibility for any malfunction of a device due to changes made to the device while on the school network or whilst resolving any connectivity issues.
- The school recommends that the devices are made easily identifiable, have a protective case and are always secured with a random passcode or pin.

- The school is not responsible for the day to day maintenance or upkeep of the user's personal device such as the charging of any device, the installation of software updates or the resolution of hardware issues.
- Personal devices should be charged before being brought to the school as the charging of personal devices may not be available during the school day.

By opening the wifi for pupils this will enhance and support the Learning, Teaching and Attainment while they are in school.

If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,



Brian Middleton

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