



Headteacher: Mrs Jenny Posner

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Bring Your Own Device (BYO)

Dear Parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6,

In July 2020, we decided to undertake a trial for the children in Year 6 to bring their own device to school. The benefits of bringing their own device was:

- Allowing children to continue their learning between home and school in a seamless way
- Increased access to online learning and making choices about best tool to use to show learning
- Increased access to collaboration tools, such as Office 365.
- Being able to upload and share learning on Seesaw and parents having increased opportunity to see their child's posts

We have decided to continue this project for the current Year 5 and Year 6 children, allowing the children to bring in their own device from home. Children will not be disadvantaged if either they don't have access to a device or parents would prefer not to be part of this trial as there will be shared devices available to use in school.

To enable children to access our WIFI network, our IT Technician will install a client on the device which will allow filtered and monitored access to our network. This monitoring/filtering does not occur when outside of the school. The IT Technician will require your child to let them know their code to get onto the device, however, they will not access the admin area of the device.

As part of using their own device in school, children and parents will need to understand that:

- St Martin's School cannot take responsibility for the physical safety of the device, however we will have set procedures in school to ensure all children and using devices sensibly e.g. storage, when to use them, keeping them safe during breaktimes.
- St Martin's has a comprehensive computing curriculum which includes online safety.
- Devices should be charged before arriving to school.
- A teacher might ask a child to show them content on their device to ensure it is appropriate
- Teachers will ensure there is a balance of learning taking place on and off devices

If you wish your child to bring their own device into school, please can you sign and return the form attached. Our IT Technician is in school on Wednesday of this week and if you wish to go ahead, please can your child bring their device in on this day so he can allow them to access the school WIFI.

As always, if you have any questions, please just ask.

Many thanks,

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