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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY

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1. Purpose

Progressive English School, Sharjah permits students to bring personal devices to school in order to widen access to knowledge, understanding and skills, and to help students develop collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in a variety of ways throughout the school day. This privilege is granted under the guidelines set out in this policy.

At a Glance

The key rules every student and parent should know before signing.

Students are expected to	Students must not
Follow UAE laws and regulations	Bring or use mobile phones during the school day
Respect others and use respectful language online	Record audio or video of others without permission
Use school technology only for learning	Contact parents directly during school hours
Hand over devices for inspection on request	Store parents' files or personal data on devices
Take full care of their own device	Play games or use social media at school
Report emergencies through school reception	Install unlicensed software or breach copyright

Zero tolerance: PESS takes immediate disciplinary action on all bullying, including cyberbullying, on or off campus.

2. General Student Expectations

All students who bring their own devices to school are expected to:

- Obey the laws and regulations of the United Arab Emirates.
- Respect other members of the school community, including strict adherence to school policies prohibiting cyberbullying and harassment.
- Use the school's technology resources strictly in line with the educational vision and mission of the school.
- Make personal devices available for inspection by an administrator or staff member upon request.
- Use appropriate and respectful language in all digital communications.
- Handle devices with care and accept full responsibility for any loss or damage to personal equipment.

Students must not:

- Record audio or video of others without their permission. This is strictly prohibited.
- Bring or use mobile phones for any purpose during the school day.
- Communicate directly with parents during school hours. In case of emergency, parents should contact the school reception.

- Store parents' files, folders or personal data on student devices.
- Play games or access social media platforms while at school.
- Download or install unlicensed software on devices used at school.
- Violate UAE or international copyright laws or restrictions.

3. Cyberbullying and Conduct

PESS maintains a **zero-tolerance policy** towards bullying, including cyberbullying, and will take immediate and appropriate disciplinary action against any member of the school community who engages in such behaviour.

Students will be held accountable for cyberbullying even when it occurs off campus during the school year, if it negatively affects the academic environment of Progressive English School.

4. Device Responsibility and Security

Each user is solely responsible for his or her own device and must use it responsibly and appropriately. PESS assumes no responsibility for stolen, lost or damaged devices, including lost or corrupted data stored on them.

School employees will assist students in identifying best practices for keeping personal devices secure; however, students retain final responsibility for securing their devices at all times.

5. Policy Compliance and Digital Privileges

All users of the school network, technological devices and digital resources are required to follow the guidelines in this policy at all times while on school premises. Failure to comply may result in the immediate revocation of digital privileges and further disciplinary action.

6. Parent and Student Acknowledgement

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read, understood and agree to abide by the Progressive English School BYOD Policy.

	Student	Parent / Guardian
Name		
Signature		
Date		