BYOD POLICY

The Bloomington Academy School recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop 21st century technology and communication skills and provide infrastructure access to technologies for student use.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is an initiative that requires students to bring their own devices to school to support their learning. The idea is firmly based on global research that shows children's learning is enhanced greatly when BYOD is implemented.

The policy is designed to ensure the safe and responsible use of electronic devices by the students. The Bloomington Academy School is E-Safe Accredited.

In order to use the school's digital resources, they must follow the guidelines set forth in this policy.

- BYOD- Staying Safe Online Students will be required to adhere strictly to the rules for BYOD usage and understand the consequences of not following these rules.

- TBAC's staff members may access a child's device at any time if they feel it is being misused.

- The school is not responsible for any loss or damage to the device brought for BYOD.

- Only the devices that are configured by the school's IT department are allowed to be used.

- Devices can be used only in the classroom as a learning tool under direction of the teacher.

- Devices are not allowed outside the classroom in the corridors, playgrounds, toilets or school bus.

- Students may not record, transmit or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons without their permission.

- Students must not engage in cyberbullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct toward others, staff or students.

- Students must not use language online that would be unacceptable in the class room.

- Parents must not contact children on their device during school hours. Please contact through school reception and/or appropriate email channels.

- TBAC's IT department has the right to collect and inspect any device that is suspected of being the source of an attack or virus infection.

- Students may only access files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to classroom curriculum.

- Students must ensure that the private content and media stored on the device is not used during school time.

- Students must report security or network problems to a teacher or administrator.

- In using the network and internet, users should not reveal personal information such as a home address or telephone number.

- Devices must be charged prior to bringing it to school and run off its own battery while at school.

- Limited charging resources will be available in school but this is not guaranteed.

In acknowledgement of the TBAC's BYOD policy…

Students must agree to: Seek permission from a member of staff to use their device and share for what purpose. If abused, privileges will be taken away. By bringing your device into school, you agree to abide by the above policy and guidelines. You further understand that any misuse may result in the loss of network privileges.

Parents and cares must agree to: Follow all the details contained within this policy and to support Devices must be charged prior to bringing it to school and run off its own battery while the school with BYOD.

Signature of the Parent:_____ **Date:** _____