



# SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carer of Year 10 Students,

## Re: Bring Your Own Device

Events of the past year have altered the ways that we all approach technology and digital learning at STFS. Although we are not currently in a position to establish a cohort-wide Bring Your Own Device policy for year 10, a significant number of students in year 10 have indicated that they would appreciate having their own devices in school.

We would be happy for students in year 10 to bring in their own devices, if they choose to do so, at their own risk and responsibility. We are not making it compulsory for students to have their own devices in lessons and we are currently unable to provide individual Chromebooks for those who do not have their own. Students who bring in their own devices can be connected to the school's WIFI and where appropriate will be allowed to use their devices in lessons and during tutor time. This will be at the teachers' discretion and dependent on acceptable use and behaviour. Students without a device will not be disadvantaged in lessons, as the use of devices is not required nor expected at this time, and teachers will still provide all necessary resources in hard copy. We may be able to offer devices to students who do not currently have their own, later this school year.

Students quite rightly understand that lessons delivered and learning acquired during lockdown are relevant to their continuing GCSE lessons and many say they would benefit from having at will access to this material now. Staff too have indicated that they would appreciate students being able to more easily access the resources generated during online lessons. In addition, ongoing Covid safety practices make it preferable to have students, where possible, working on their own digital devices rather than on shared equipment.

If you are happy for your son/daughter to bring in and use their own device in lessons, we will need you to sign the attached permissions document and return it to us as soon as possible. By signing, you acknowledge that your son/daughter is responsible for the care and security of their own digital device and that you agree with the school's IT usage policies, contravention of which will result in your son/daughter no longer having permission to use a device in school or be connected to the WiFi.

Once we have your signed permission, we will connect your son's or daughter's device to the Wifi. If you have any questions about how year 10 can use their own devices in lessons, please contact me at [francesca.joseph@sirthomasfremantle.org](mailto:francesca.joseph@sirthomasfremantle.org).

Yours faithfully,

Fran Joseph  
**Learning Lead of Year 10**

