Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) recommended devices

Introduction

We are a Microsoft based school and as such we are able to provide Microsoft Office for you to download to your devices and use Office 365 cloud-based solutions free of charge. There are some devices that are not able to run Microsoft Office so we prefer to recommend devices that have enough specification to be able to run the software that pupils are likely to use during their time at Arnold Lodge.We also recommend a device that has a physical keyboard as we find pupils can type with less errors.

Recommended machines/devices

- Microsoft Windows laptops with a minimum spec
    - 500GB Hard Drive
    - 4GB RAM – preferably 8GB
- Apple Macbook laptop
- Apple iPad

Machines/devices to avoid

- Chrome OS based devices such as Chromebooks are not compatible with our network
- Anything with 32 GB eMMC or 64 GB eMMC storage

As technology changes quickly, these are the recommendations as at April 2022. With changes to software and hardware both at school and updates to BYOD devices this can cause issues that we are unaware of. We will attempt to resolve any network issues with BYOD devices, but we cannot guarantee to be able to resolve any changes that are out of our control. The devices recommended above currently integrate into our network and provide pupils with the tools that they need to complete their studies.