



## BYOD Device Specifications and Student Requirements

### **Wireless connectivity:**

The Department's Wi-Fi network installed in high schools operates on 2.4 - 5Ghz. Devices that do not support this range will not be able to connect. Student devices are only permitted to connect to the Department's Wi-Fi network whilst at school. There is no cost for this service. This network is protected for student use against inappropriate material and students will be in breach of their student agreement to use another network.

### **Operating system and anti-virus:**

The current or prior version of any operating system is required. Students must ensure they have a licensed version of a supported operating system and software. Student devices should be equipped with anti-virus software.

### **Software and apps:**

Any device must have productivity software eg. Microsoft Office or Microsoft Office 365. All software and apps should be fully updated prior to coming to school. Google Docs and Microsoft Office 365 are both available for NO COST from the DoE portal.

### **Battery life:**

A minimum of 6hrs battery life will be required in order to last the school day. Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged. No charging equipment will be supplied by the school.

### **Memory and RAM:**

A minimum specification of 16 GB storage and 2 GB RAM to process and store data effectively is required.

### **Hardware features:**

A camera and microphone are useful tools. A reasonable sized screen (a minimum of 9.7" ) and a sturdy, external keyboard to enable continuous use throughout the day is required.

**Other considerations**

- Casing: Tough and sturdy to avoid breakage.
- Weight: Lightweight for ease of carrying.

**Accessories:**

- Carry case: Supply a carry case or skin to protect the device.
- Insurance and warranty: Be aware of the terms of insurance policies/warranties for the device. The school will not accept responsibility for loss, theft or breakage.
- Back-up storage: Students are responsible for backing-up their own data using Microsoft Office 365 OneDrive and should ensure this is done regularly.

**Theft and damage:**

Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the school or the Department of Education.

**Confiscation:**

Students' devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains offensive data or is being used inappropriately.

**Maintenance and support:**

Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices.

**Insurance/warranty:**

Students and their parents/carers are responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the warranty conditions for the device.