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Dear Parents,

SUBJECT : TWS BYOD (BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE) FOR THE AY 2024-2025

Greetings and good wishes from The Westminster School, Dubai!

TWS recognizes that access to technology in school gives parents, teachers and 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. Hence, we have updated Wi-Fi for all the devices under the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy.

In order to use their own devices on the school network, students need to sign an undertaking stating that their mobile devices will be registered with the school **GEMS BYOD SSID** which can track the student's activity in school. We would like to assure you that the software conforms with the UAE Data protection rules and only allows monitoring of activity on our network. It does not allow us to see anything stored on the device or to see any activity on networks outside of the school, for example at home. This step is taken to ensure safety of students on the campus and to restate the cyber policy of the UAE, especially, as technology has become a catalyst for distraction for students and impact their academic performance.

Please go through the BYOD Guide and Download the certificate to access the School WIFI connection. The BYOD guide comprises the steps to be followed. Furthermore, students and parents can download the certificate using the link provided and install it on the student's device as per the guidance. However, the school is not responsible for the repairs, loss, theft or any damage resulting from their use of device during school-related activities. Improper use of the device will lead to immediate confiscation and permanent denial to the school Wi-Fi network. In such case, the devices will only be returned to the parent/guardian through them visiting the school. The use of VPNs is strictly prohibited, and serious actions will be taken in that case.

We hope that we can rely on your cooperation and support in our attempt to safeguard our students. Please speak to your child about the same, reiterating the school policy and the country's zero-tolerance policy towards cyberbullying. Non-adherence to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's standard procedures.

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Please note that your child will not be able to use his/her device at school without installing the digital certificate. To further enhance the students' safety, the students will be able to access the school desktops/laptops with their e-learning account ONLY. **Also, we would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited at school.**

Hereafter, teachers will be sending emails to students only on their school email ID and not personal email ID. GEMS Students have free MS Office license and you could download it using their credential through www.office.com and access their email by clicking on this link- https://outlook.office365.com/mail/

For any login difficulties, students can reset their password by themselves by clicking on the reset portal and following instructions.

Thank you for your unstinted support and whole-hearted cooperation in future-focused learning so that we collaboratively draw the very best out of our students.

Best wishes.

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