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Dear Parent or Carer

We are launching a 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) initiative to all Year 7 students, by providing free wireless connectivity as a guest service. This will allow students to access online information, for educational purposes, using their own smartphones, tablet devices, laptops or netbooks, thus providing them with additional opportunities to extend their learning.

We hope that by this access to technology will help your son or daughter develop greater independence, increase engagement, and develop skills required to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### **Safety and Security**

Whilst we are keen for your son or daughter to engage fully in their learning, the use of their device in lesson time is entirely at the discretion of the teacher. Although every effort is made maintain a safe and secure wireless network, Westleigh High School cannot accept responsibility if you son or daughter gain access to inappropriate content or inadvertently access data via their own mobile network.

### **Responsibility**

Students are solely responsible for their device. Whilst we will always endeavour to help, we cannot provide technical support. Students must bring it fully charged to school. Similar to other personally owned items, Westleigh High School is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft.

We look forward to the educational opportunities that this BYOD initiative will bring, however participation in this initiative is voluntary. Your son or daughter will not be left out if they do not have a device however it's important that the policy is signed and returned.

Please take a moment to read and discuss the policy with your son or daughter before signing it, and once signed, it should be returned to their form tutor.

Yours sincerely



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