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Dear Parent

Bring Your Own Device: technology in the classroom

Over the last year, we have been discussing how best to integrate technology into students' learning at The Piggott School. Students at our school use technology in a wide range of settings already but we would like to increase the opportunities they have. Due to the hard work of the ICT technician team we have wireless access across the school, as well as the capacity to handle many more devices than was previously the case. We have also been watching carefully the progress of other schools as they have introduced 'Bring Your Own Device' programmes, and feel that we have benefitted significantly from their experiences.

As a result, we are changing our policy on devices in school. From **Monday 2nd November 2015** **students in Year 11 and 10** will be permitted to bring in and use devices as detailed in the BYOD policy attached to this letter. We have placed some clear guidelines around the introduction of BYOD some of which I include below:

- ✓ Students will be able to use their devices **only at the invitation of their teacher**. A student does not have the right to use their device, and is not permitted to use it if this is against the wishes of their teacher. It is the teacher's decision whether or not he or she uses technology in the classroom
- ✓ Devices may not be used outside of the classroom i.e. at lunch and break or lesson change over
- ✓ Students will be required to sign the Acceptable Use Policy, a copy of which is attached to this letter for your information
- ✓ A student is fully responsible for the care and upkeep of their own device
- ✓ Devices can only be used in the classroom for work as directed by the teacher: if a device is misused in any way, a teacher has the right to confiscate it. This policy is exactly the same as our current policy for mobile phones.

There has been a great deal of talk in and around education recently about the impact of portable devices in the classroom. I would like to reassure you that the school sees the use of BYOD as an enhancement to the students' education and not the replacement of existing practice. We see the change in policy simply as a way to allow students greater access to tools that may help them in their learning in some of their lessons and in their future.

Yours sincerely

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