

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) / Anytime Anywhere Learning (AAL)

Responsible Use Agreement

At Whitburn Academy we believe there are many learning opportunities afforded by the use of mobile devices in the classroom, including: easy access to the internet; the ability to use forums for educational discussion; the ability to record audio and video; the ability to search and to share new information.

It is expected that all users of Whitburn Academy's BYOD / AAL policy will behave in a responsible manner to benefit fully from the advantages they offer.

Teachers will:

- Aim to use access to technology to stimulate, and to enhance existing teaching methods
- Give clear instructions and guidance on how devices may be used during a particular lesson, as well as outside the classroom
- Instruct, where appropriate, on the safe and sensible use of the internet
- Provide guidance on the reliability of information accessed
- Monitor that devices are being used for the intended purpose

Pupils will:

- Only use their personal devices where allowed or instructed to do so
- Take responsibility for use of their own 3G/4G network and use of data, plus any costs thereby incurred
- Only access appropriate content; it is forbidden to visit offensive sites
- Only use access to the internet to assist their learning in a positive manner.

It is a privilege to use BYOD / AAL for individual learning needs, and at certain times, for social use. As such, staff may prohibit the use of mobile technology if it is not being used appropriately.

Similar to the school's policy on use of mobile phones, devices could be confiscated if used inappropriately.

Serious misuses of mobile devices could result in the removal of access privileges within the school environment, or even a referral to the appropriate authorities (Police or West Lothian Council)