Pukekohe Intermediate School

At Pukekohe Intermediate School, we use Google Apps and a range of devices to support the delivery of the curriculum in the classroom. We have a strong focus on digital citizenship and encourage students to interact positively online.

We request that our students bring their own device to school.

There are many benefits to using a personal device as a learning tool. Your child has instant access to the internet and learning platforms that our school endorses. Students are able to bring a digital device (it should adhere to our minimum specs—see below) to support their learning in the classroom. They will have access to the internet and the school online environment via our Student Network. Those bringing digital devices will be required to complete the Cyber Agreement and BYOD forms.

Minimum Specifications for Device:	The most efficient and versatile devices are:
A device may fall into the following categories: (1) Laptop (2) Chromebook (3) Tablet The Device must: ● Be WiFi Capable ● Have functioning Keyboard (on-screen or portable) ● Have Antivirus and operating system updates installed and up to date Mobile phones and smart watches are not considered as suitable devices for BYOD due to their size and their ability to operate outside our secure school network.	● Those with the latest operating systems (Windows, Google Chrome or Apple) ● Devices no more than 3 years old-or the device has relatively good speed and RAM ● Minimum built-in storage of 64GB ● Are not compromised with add-ons or a multitude of games and recreational applications As a household, your decision will be based on your child's IT knowledge and experience. Every student is unique and one operating system may be preferred to another. We are happy to give advice if required.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All students with tablets or iPads will need to download the following Google Apps for our school. Students with laptops are advised to download Google Chrome as our preferred web browser.

Any apps requested by the school will be free.

F.A.Q's

Does my child have to bring a device?

For 2023, all students will be required to bring their own device to school for learning. Please contact the school if this is not an option for your child at this time.

How will their device be kept safe?

Student devices will be brought straight to class in the morning and put into a locked cupboard. They will remain there until needed and be locked up again during morning tea and lunch. Only your child will use the device they bring to school.

Do I have to buy new apps?

No. We will only be using apps that are free from the Apple or Google Play stores. Any downloading or updates for apps and software does need to be done at home.

Will there be Internet access?

Yes. Your child will be able to access the internet using our school network. We do not allow students to use their own networks should their device have this capability.

Can students charge their devices at school?

Personal devices should be charged prior to bringing them to school and should be capable of running off their own battery for the duration of the school day.

What happens if a student is not using a device appropriately?

The school rules, digital citizenship guidelines, and cyber safety agreement will be followed. The school reserves the right to inspect the student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated any of the rules, guidelines stated in the Cyber Safety Agreement.

What happens if someone mistakes a device as their own?

On this permission slip, we ask that you note down the serial number of the device your child owns. This is something that can not be changed or removed and is unique to the device. This will help us identify devices. Other ways to make identification easier are by selecting unique cases and by putting a name label on the device.

What happens if a device is missing/damaged?

The school cannot be held responsible for the loss of, or damage to, any devices. The device should be covered by the owner's insurance.

Are there any other risks?

Yes. As we are an Apple-based school, viruses are less likely to be introduced. However, non-Apple devices may contain viruses that could be spread across the network. Please ensure that your childs' device has virus protection.

BYOD Agreement Form

Please complete and return to your classroom teacher.

Student:_____ Room:_____

Type of Device: _____ Model/Year of Device:_____

Serial Number:_____

I _____ give permission for my child to bring their personal learning device to school and agree to the conditions outlined.

Date:_____Signed:_____