



Apps and Devices and Newbury Primary School

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, Newbury Primary School runs a 1:1 BYOD program. It has been great to see so many students remembering to bring their iPads to school and ready to learn.

When learning at Newbury Primary School, students are only allowed to use apps that are on the school apps list. We highly recommend that all other apps are either deleted during the week and reinstalled on the weekends, or not installed at all. The reasons why we are making sure students are using school apps only, is because we want all students to feel safe in their Learning Communities. Other reasons include;

- Students follow iPad agreements and use the device appropriately
- Using Messenger apps can cause harm and bullying
- Playing non educational apps can distract students from their learning
- Playing games can distract students from their learning
- Students having access to their parents/carers social media sites through their iPad, which can cause distractions, harm and bullying (students must be 13 years over to access any social media sites)

We want our students to have every opportunity to learn through various learning tools, including all devices. Talk to your child and see what is on their iPad.

1. Are you aware of what's on their iPad?
2. Can your child download any app? If so, we recommend you putting a password for this to stop.
3. Are you aware if your child is browsing through the internet? If so, is it safe and appropriate?
4. Do you have a set time for your child to use the iPad at home?

We also want our parents, friends and school community to be safe when using devices and to be a role model for your child and to be 'tech safe' when accessing and communicating through social media.

We will be holding a parent information session relating to the above information on Friday 2nd March located in the Gym from 9.30am-10.30am. If you're interested in attending, please register your attendance by contacting the office staff. On the morning, please enter via gate 2 located between the staff carpark and portables 19 & 20.

We appreciate your understanding, this is the 21st century, the world is moving at a fast pace and we need to be very vigilant of our students when using technology.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see your child's teacher.

Regards,
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