



Bring Your Own Device at OLF

Usage at Home- Tips for parents

With the introduction of the BYODD (Bring Your Own Designated Device) For Learning, we have compiled some helpful hints and considerations for home use. As an educational tool, the mobile device has allowed greater access to resources and ample opportunity for students to create and personalise their learning. At home, while the use of a Chromebook will differ from one family to the next, there are nevertheless important recurring themes that are important to remember as parents.

1. Who owns the Chromebook?

The Chromebook belongs to the parents. Therefore, it is important to remind your child that the use of a Chromebook for them is a privilege that you have extended, based on trust. This means that you as the parent and owner of the device can at any time decide to withdraw the device from your child and/or make decisions and changes that you consider as appropriate.

2. What are the security settings on the Chromebook?

Security on the device is paramount. The security settings allow children access to age appropriate material. Always ensure that internet access is filtered. The filtering at school will not work at home. The Google search engine also has an automatic 'safe search' capability. To make sure this is turned on, go into settings on the google browser and click on the 'safe search' filter.



3. Is there any need for me to supervise my child while using the device?

It is important for parents to monitor usage. This may include supervising visited websites through the Favourites section and having an awareness as to which Chromebook applications are being used. It is also worthwhile to remember that the amount of time children spend on the device needs to be negotiated with you. Set time limits. There needs to be a balance between completing schoolwork and recreational time spent on the device. Remember the Chromebook was initially purchased as a learning device. Therefore, we need to demonstrate to our children that we value the device as a teaching and learning tool rather than a gaming device.

4. Where should my child use the Chromebook around the house?



This will depend on the reason/s for usage. If the Chromebook is being used for homework, then we encourage students to use it where they would normally do their homework, and where you as a parent can readily supervise usage. If you have allowed your child to use the mobile device for recreational reasons, then be specific as to where they are allowed to use the device. Also nominate places that are not appropriate for using the mobile device such as the bedrooms, or during dinner time. Cap the amount of time your child has access to the device. For example, you may indicate that after thirty minutes the Chromebook will be switched off for the rest of the night. Remember the device belongs to

the parents. Decide where to store the Chromebook at home when not in use; and this can be the recharging location.

5. Should I check the device regularly?

Your child should realise that there is to be full transparency in the way the Chromebook is to be monitored. This means that as parents, you can at any time check their email, their work, visited websites, apps, extensions, photographs and videos.



6. How do I establish a common understanding with my child?

Share the experience with your child: Ask your child to demonstrate the way they use their Chromebook at school. Ask your child to teach you how to use the Chromebook. Have a go at using some of the apps with your child. Have a set time where children can access the Chromebook. One good idea is for children to earn some limited time on the Chromebook by completing chores at home.

7. Which apps should I download for my child?

Chromebooks do have apps available on the Chrome Web Store. Any apps you download or purchase are based on your decision as owner of the device. Check information related to any app to ensure they are age appropriate before downloading and that an app is relevant for your child's needs. Remember the mobile device was originally purchased for educational reasons. Don't be afraid to delete apps, you can always reinstall them for free. Teachers will also instruct students on which apps to download when needed. Some apps have been known to interfere with the running of Google Drive so keep apps to just what is necessary without overloading.



8. Should I be aware of any other security measures?

Home internet security is important for all computer devices including mobile devices, playstations, wii and so forth. Software such as [OpenDNS](#) provides parents with a way to secure the Internet connection and prevent access to restricted websites.

9. As a parent, what further resources can I access?

As parents and teachers, we are committed to supporting our students in developing skills in and greater awareness of digital citizenship. The SCS Parent Resource Portal also has many links to cyber safety resources: <https://goo.gl/aAse3N>

10. Why should we as parents take responsibility for all of the above?

It's simple – You are the parents. You have the responsibility to keep your children safe from inappropriate sites, downloading scary movies or listening to explicit music. When you buy a mobile device such as a Chromebook, you are buying a device with a ready to go internet browser, Wi-Fi connection, camera, music and the ability to buy an app for almost anything. You need to exercise parental responsibility. If we as parents and teachers work collaboratively, our children benefit from the most wonderful learning interactive set of tools ever made available to them to personalise their learning in the twenty-first century.

11. How does the use of the Chromebook align with the Australian Curriculum?

The Australian Curriculum states students will be expected to develop ICT competence as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately when investigating, creating and communicating ideas and information at school, at home, at work and in their communities. Here is a link to the Digital Technologies curriculum:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/technologies/digital-technologies/curriculum/f-10?layout=1>



Students are expected to understand and apply social and ethical practices when using technology and also have skills in using ICT to maximise efficiency and effectiveness. With the use of the Chromebook, students will not only have the opportunity to develop an ICT competence but prepare themselves for their future education. Further information about [ICT Capabilities](#) can be found on the Australian Curriculum Website.

While it might sometimes be easier to try and ignore the use of ICT in the hope that this will all go away; we owe our children the opportunity and responsibility to educate and empower them for their future years. As teachers, we are committed to working in partnership with parents to educate and enhance student teaching and learning in a digital age. It is our aim to redefine teaching and learning through the use of digital technologies.

Kind Regards,
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