



What is Bring Your Own Device? (BYOD)

Bring your own device, is an approach used in primary and secondary schools across West Lothian Council where children can have the opportunity to bring their own device into school, such as a mobile phone, netbook, tablet, etc. to school. The BYOD initiative is inspired by Education Scotland's *Promoting digital learning and teaching*, where we aim to develop our learners into digital citizens.

The benefits of children using school/ own devices for learning are:

- It allows children to develop their digital technology skills.
- It gives children access to learning tasks in different ways that may suit their learning style.
- Enables children to access information that is important to them.
- Ensures all learning styles are considered and gives pupils access to displaying their learning in a range of ways.
- Contributes to supporting additional learning needs. For example; natural reader, voice recorder, Glow apps.
- Allows the champions to explore internet safety with them.
- BYOD, helps to build a connection with learning in school and home. It enables children to access resources in school that they can then access at home, widening their use of digital tools.
- BYOD prepares children for high school, as they are expected to bring a device.

BYOD at Calderwood:

- **Opt in initiative.**
- BYOD time: Specific times across the week that children can use their own devices at other times they stay in their tray.
- **School devices are always available so that pupils can access the same learning content.**
- BYOD device charter details the responsible use for those families who would like their child to take part.
- Children have to log into the network with their West Lothian log in to access connect.
- 2021/22: Primary 5-7 took part, with Primary 4 starting after Easter
- 2022/23: Primary 5 – 7 can currently take part.
- 2023/24: Primary 5-7 can take part (there was a consultation with Primary 5 families).
- [Contract sign up link](#)

Bring Your Own Device Charter

- My device can only be used at 'device time.'
- I must store my device in my tray.
- I should not be using social media apps.
- I should only be taking videos and photos of my own learning.
- I should only use my own device.
- School devices will always be available at 'device time'.
- My device should always be charged at home.
- All devices should be protected by a cover, case or a laptop bag.
- Devices are only to be used in the classroom and not in the playground.
- Devices should be kept on silent when not in use.
- Head phones or ear phones can be brought in for my device.

