



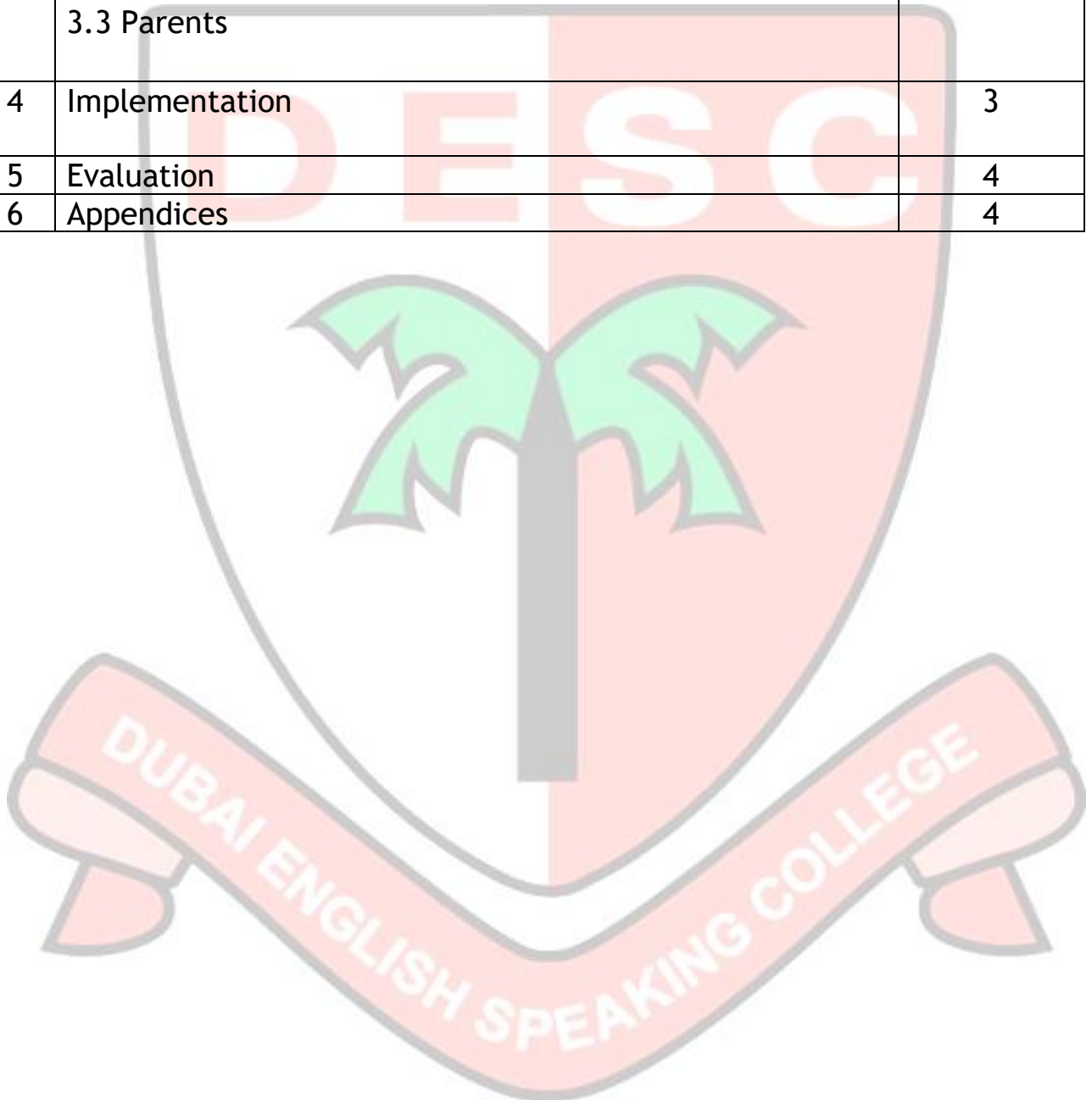
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BYOD Policy

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DUBAI ENGLISH SPEAKING COLLEGE

BYOD POLICY

1 RATIONALE

Appropriate use of technology has enhanced learning experiences for students. Not having one impacts learning in the classroom. It allows students to be able to access multiple resources, collaborate freely and communicate creatively, amongst many other benefits. Whilst there are many advantages to using technology in an educational setting, there can be disadvantages depending on the type of device and the purpose of its use. With this in mind, we want our students to be able to use technology to enrich their learning but also be able to utilise the times when it is more valuable to take advantage of face-to-face interaction.

2 AIMS

DESC will allow students to use their own devices in some lessons. Wireless access is available to students, and this has been created to enhance learning experiences. Connecting to the DESSC Student wireless network with personal technology devices is a privilege, not a right. Permission to bring and use personal devices is contingent upon adherence to DESC guidelines. Please note that if a personal device is used by a student for malicious purposes, or to cause disruption to the educational environment, student's privileges may be revoked or limited.

A personal technology device (PTD) is a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held device/equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, laptop and mobile computers, portable internet devices (iPod, iPad, Kindle, tablet PC), personal digital assistants (PDA), handheld entertainment systems and gaming consoles or any other portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture and recording, sound recording and the transmitting, sending and storage of information.

At DESC, recommended devices are either an iPad or a MacBook. Phones are not an acceptable PTD and are not allowed during school hours. iPads must be able to update to the latest Operating System, which at the time of writing this policy is iOS17 for iPad and Sonoma for Mac, and it is beneficial for the student to have an Apple Pencil.

3 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 DESC STAFF

- Staff are responsible for vigilance in the classroom and around the school site.
- Mobile phones are not to be used by students unless express permission is given from the teacher. The teacher must then actively supervise the use of the phone and have it put away when not required. Phones are not to be used in place of an iPad or Mac.

3.2 DESC STUDENTS

- All students may use a personal technology device (PTD) on the DESSC Student network by accepting the conditions of this BYOD Policy agreement.
- The use of PTDs is solely limited to supporting and enhancing educational situations. They are to be used with the guidance of teachers, in and around the classrooms. PTDs should not be used for non-educational purposes in lessons unless the student is given permission to do so by the teacher.

- Only the DESSC Student network may be accessed on campus by students.
- Students are not permitted to use their operator-provided data contract to connect to online sources as this will bypass any filtering we use on the DESC Wi-Fi network.
- Connecting a personal technology device to the DESSC Student network may not always be successful. It is not a guaranteed service/connection.
- Students must always respect their peers and staff when using personal technology devices. No malicious usage is permitted. Students may not engage in any malicious behaviour involving the use of PTDs or intend to cause disruption to the school network.
- Students may only connect to social networking sites (such as Twitter) if given express permission by a teacher to do so.
- Students may not record images (still or moving) of other students or members of staff without first gaining their personal permission to do so.
- Students should be aware that staff will be able to ask a student if they can view the contents of their personal technology device if there is reasonable suspicion that the student has violated the BYOD policy agreement, school rules or is engaged in any other misconduct when using the device in school.
- No student shall establish a wireless ad-hoc or peer-to-peer network using his/her personal technology device, or any other wireless device, while in school.
- The teacher may request, at any time that PTDs be turned off in the classroom or outside. Failure to do so may result in revocation of access to the DESC Student network.
- Sound should be muted on all PTDs during lessons unless the teacher authorises the use of sound.
- No student shall use another student's network login details and password.
- No DESC-owned software may be installed on a PTD by a student.
- Students may not attempt to use any software, utilities or other means (e.g. VPNs) to access internet sites or content that is blocked by the school's internet/network filters.
- Students must take full responsibility for their PTDs at all times, unless the teacher gives permission for them to be stored in the classroom, in a secure location (e.g. lockable filing cabinet). However, PTDs would still be stored at the owner's risk.
- DESC will not provide a repair service or software installation to any PTD.

3.3 DESC PARENTS

- Parents should ensure that only appropriate content is available on devices during school hours. Appropriate measures, such as managing the Screen Time options should be in place to support this.

4 IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 LOST OR STOLEN DEVICE

Each user is entirely responsible for his/her own Personal Technology Device. The device should be treated responsibly and used with care. DESC will accept no responsibility for PTDs that are damaged, lost, stolen, or which have data infected/corrupted. Teachers will help students identify how to keep personal technology devices secure, but students have the final responsibility for securing their devices

4.2 DEALING WITH INCIDENTS

- Staff are to appropriately monitor the use of PTDs across the school. Any device being used with permission should be put into school bags.
- Repeat offences must be dealt with appropriately
 - Verbal warning to student
 - If warning is ignored, the device must be confiscated, and the issue reported on iSams
 - Continued offences are to be reported to HOH

4.3 EXCEPTIONS

Where we are aiming to reduce paper resources, some students are relying on accessing content such as timetables on their device. This is allowed only under the consent and supervision of a staff member.

5 EVALUATION

This Policy will be reviewed annually.

6 APPENDICES

None

