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SUBJECT: Bring your Own Device

Dear Parents,
Greetings!

ICT skills of students are one of the essential 21st Century Skills that today's children should master to be successful in this century. As has been regularly emphasized by ADEK, the school has been ensuring this through implementing the 'AJB BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy.

As evidenced during the pandemic, technological fluency is essential as literacy and numeracy and will enhance creativity and inquiry-based learning, which are cornerstones of our educational philosophy. Significant research demonstrates that meaningful use of technology in the learning process has the following beneficial results for students:

- Development of 21st-century learning skills so very essential in the new normal
Increased student engagement.
- Flexibility for teachers in addressing different learning styles, including interventions for students as well as extensions for those who benefit from the additional challenge.
- Provision of a greater range and variety of assessment strategies to track student progress.
- Promotion of inquiry and critical thinking skills.

At school, the Device (Tabs/Laptops only) will be used for Supervised Research Works in the classroom, for spot evaluation of classroom learning, to access the digital text contents, to use as a platform for school-provided resources wherever applicable, to practice assessments, to do extension activities, to complete questionnaires and surveys shared from school, etc.

Guideline for Bringing the Device:

1. Students are fully responsible for their devices- from naming them to handling them carefully and storing them when not in use.
 - Students must ensure to have a password and a username for their device
 - Carry the device in a protective bag
 - Use a good screen protector to protect the screen and Device
 - Avoid storing at the bottom of the bag
 - Never lift the device by the screen and mishandle it by throwing them around
2. **Usage limitations:**
The devices are meant to be used for education research purposes only. Students are prohibited from giving their devices to any unauthorized person.
3. **No photographs:**
The school follows ADEK guidelines for the privacy and protection of the students, it's prohibited for the students to take any photographs with their devices. Any violation would lead to strict action.
4. **Fair use of the internet:**
We have secure Wi-Fi coverage throughout the school. After connecting with the school network, devices and their usage will be monitored by the IT department. No downloading is allowed.
Please note that non-compliance with the guidelines provided can be subject to strict action as per school policy ADEK guidelines or confiscation of the device or both.

Parent Declaration

I, _____, parent of _____, grade & division _____, have read and understood the circular ----- dated ----- I assure you that I will provide my ward with the necessary device as per the BYOD policy of the school. I also hereby agree that my ward will strictly abide by the stipulations set forth in the AJS Internet, Network, Technology, Equipment, and BYOD Acceptable Use Policy

I understand and agree that the school will not be responsible for any loss or damage of the device or loss of data/documents in the device and will respond with calmness to such losses. I shall not blame the school authority for any such loss whatsoever.

I understand and agree that in case I violate any of the above conditions, my child will be subject to disciplinary consequences as per relevant school policies.

I understand that trying to bypass the blocking put in place by the Telecommunications Regulation Authority (TRA) is against the law of the UAE and my child will not attempt to do so.

Name of parent _____ signature _____ Date: _____

Contact no. _____ Email ID: _____