

**THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS - DUBAI  
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Dear Parent

Technological fluency is as 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.
- Increased student engagement.
- Flexibility for teachers in addressing different learning styles, including interventions for students as well as extensions for those who benefit from additional challenge.
- Provision of greater range and variety of assessment strategies for teachers.
- Promotion of inquiry and critical thinking skills.

Extensive student surveys and meetings across GEMS schools indicate that, not only are the students ready for BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), they are expecting it. GEMS is committed to providing its students with the skills and attributes they will need to flourish in an ever-changing, technology-driven, global society.

As one of the leading GEMS school to promote e-learning and digital literacy, we are happy to inform you that students of **Grade 2** are encouraged to bring one device with the following specifications:-

Manufacturer	Model	Type	OS Version	CPPM Version
Apple	Ipad Air 2	Tablet	8.x, 7.6,6.x,5.x,4.x	6.1/6.0.2/6.0.1/5.2
Apple	Mac		OSX 10.7 10.8 10.9 10.10*)	Requires 6.2.3Asus
ASUS	Tab	Tablet	Android 4	
Samsung	Galaxy Note 3	Tablet	Android 4.1.2	[6.2][6.1]
Lenovo	Tab 3	Tablet	Android 3 and above	
Dell	Streak	Tablet	Android 3.2	
ASUS	Nexus 7 Tablet	Tablet	Android 4.2.2	
Microsoft	Windows	Tablet	Windows 10.8	
IBM	Lenovo T450s	PC	Windows 10.8	
DELL	XPS 10	Tablet	Windows 10.8	

The required equipment will be registered for internet access in our system. Students will be expected to follow Acceptable Use Policy, which will be printed and sent home for both parents' and students' signatures. Students of Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5 have been bringing their own devices in the last academic year and blended learning has been working well.

Thanking you.

With regards,



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