

**THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS - DUBAI
CIRCULAR**

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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 3,4 and 5 are encouraged to bring their own device (**one device per student is allowed**) with Minimum following Specifications: -

Windows Laptop's

Minimum Requirements: -

Windows 10 Operating System/Intel Core-i5 Processor/8 GB RAM/256 GB HDD

Office 365/ with Licensed Antivirus.

(We prefer thin Laptops for Students from Grade 3-5)

Apple MacBook -Mac OS Version 10.12 or Later

(We highly recommend Windows Laptops for Grade 3-5 Students)

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 3,4 and 5 have been bringing their own devices in the last academic year and blended learning has been working well.

Thanking you.
With regards,



Asha Alexander
Principal