

ISB BYOL - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is a BYOL program and how does it work?

- Parents purchase laptops for their children that meet the basic hardware and software configuration (*see in ISB BYOL - Hardware Specifications*).
- ISB will install needed educational software used in classes and for projects. Families will retain computers and administration rights and will be responsible for the control of the computer and its uses.
- ISB will provide information each year about updated minimum specifications required for laptops used at the school. This information will include the acceptable hard drive size, memory and age of the computer.
- When the student leaves ISB, they are expected to remove all school-provided software as per ISB's license user agreements.

2. Student-owned computers at ISB.

- Your child's computer does not have to be new. The computer must be reliable and have good battery life **(6 hours minimum)**.
- The school requires that students have an MS Windows based laptop.
- iPads, Chromebooks and iPods are great learning tools. However, they cannot offer the same versatility or achieve the same educational expectations as a laptop.

3. What's the Goal of BYOL?

The goal of BYOL is to transform learning into a flexible, collaborative, real-world experience for all our students. We want our teachers and students involved in media-rich, student-centred, project based, learning.

Research has found that the best scenario for how technology can most effectively improve student learning is with a one-to-one ratio of computers to students.

4. What are the advantages of students having their own computer at school?

- Families have the choice to use their preferred operating systems and/or computers they already own.
- Families have the freedom to improve student laptops, thus providing newer technologies more rapidly.
- Computer ownership ensures that all learners have the skills and confidence to integrate technology into their present and future learning.
- There is more self-directed learning and individualized learning.
- BYOL allows for differentiation learning through individualized, collaborative and whole class activities/projects both at school and home.
- Learners become more accountable and independent.
- Learners become producers and distributors of knowledge.
- Technology meets the needs of various models of learning i.e. more visuals and sound. This multi-sensory aspect aids learning and comprehension.
- **Ownership of equipment changes the way students treat their computers and how they are used in class.**

Digital Awareness: In the first few weeks the students will have training on the use of MS Office 365, through staff here at ISB. This is so that our students are equipped with the tools to have their experiences be positive ones.

- Understanding how to use the school's ICT infrastructure for a variety of purposes including:
 - Office 365 and its applications (Outlook, PowerPoint, Excel, Teams etc...)
 - Email, Calendars, Groups, Forums
 - Blogs, Sites
- Proper etiquette when communicating through email, chats or social networks
- Technology health and wellness - ergonomics and electromagnetic radiation exposure
- Technology literacy and law - understanding plagiarism and how to properly research online
- Online security - keep personal information offline, keep safe online (phishing, chats and cyber bullying)
- Mindfulness use of technology

5.1 Who is responsible for backing up files?

Students are responsible for their own backup. The school recommends that students back up to MS One Drive cloud storage once a week at least. There is no limit on backup size. Backup every day is ideal but not practical.

5.2 Who is responsible for software updates?

Students will be responsible for ensuring their laptop has **antivirus software** and that they keep all software updated as required. Students must ensure that they leave enough space on their computers to maintain updates and install software for curricular purposes.

5.3 LOST laptop! What do we do?

The school will use all resources available to help students find a lost laptop. It is important to keep laptops in sight or in a locked locker to ensure its safety. It is very important to have your child's computer identified with a permanent mark of some kind. Name and email address or phone number work great if written on the bottom of the laptop. Location software can also be purchased at reasonable prices.

How to setup and use "Find My Device"

[MICROSOFT](#)

[GOOGLE](#)

Lost or stolen property is treated seriously at ISB.

5.4 How many devices can I have on the network?

You are allowed to use one laptop as your own on our network. Mobile phones will not be permitted on our network.

5.5 Will I be able to print?

Students will have the ability to print, yet they will be encouraged to print as little as possible. Office 365 for education and other academic software will allow students to submit paperless assignments.

5.6 Where will I be able to charge my laptop?

Students will be expected to come to school with their laptops fully charged every morning. The best-case scenario is to have a newer computer that will hold a charge all day (less than 3 years old). **Chargers will not be allowed at school. This is necessary for the safety of the students.**

5.7 What about viruses and spyware?

We recommend free and paid products from Bitdefender, Avast, Kaspersky, ESET Nod32, Norton. It is important that students and parents/carers keep software, plugins and virus definitions up to date on all your laptops. This helps protect your child, your home network, and the school's network.

In order for us to be able to help all students with network or software issues, please ensure that your child's operating system is in either English or Hungarian.

- Our technicians are fluent in both Hungarian and English