

STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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Student Mobile Phone Policy

This policy provides students, teachers, and parents with clear guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

The policy also extends to school trips and extra-curricular activities. All students and parents must read and understand this policy before students are permitted to bring mobile phones to school. It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile phones to school to adhere to the following rules.

1.1 Parental Awareness

Parents should be aware if their child brings a mobile phone to school.

1.2 Mobile Phone Use During School Hours

The use of mobile phones on school premises is tolerated but strictly prohibited during teaching hours.

Phones must be **switched off** at the start of each lesson and placed in **a designated box** on the teacher's desk.

1.3 Use of Technology in Learning

The school acknowledges the value of modern technologies. Teachers may incorporate such technologies in teaching and learning activities.

During these occasions, students may use iPads in class only after receiving explicit verbal permission from the teacher.

1.4 Lost Mobile Phones

Any mobile phones found on school grounds that cannot be linked to their owner should be handed in at the front office reception.

The school is not responsible for the replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged mobile phones. Students bring their devices to school at their own risk.

1.5 Consequences for Misuse on Mobile Phones

Students that misuse their mobile phones as described in the <u>Mobile Phone Use During School Hours</u> section will have the following consequences.

First Offence

If a student violates this policy, the mobile phone will be confiscated by the teacher and handed to the Head of Year.

The student may collect their phone at the end of the school day. The incident will be recorded on the discipline referral form, and the student will be required to meet with the Head of Year.

Repeated Offences

A second offence will result in a referral to the Head of Discipline or the Discipline Committee, which will impose further sanctions, including suspension from school in accordance with Discipline Categories available in the "Discipline Policy".

1.6 Bullying and Misuse of Mobile Phones

Using mobile phones to bully, threaten, or harass others is unacceptable. Such incidents will be referred to the Discipline Committee for appropriate action, which will include suspension from school. Refer to the "Anti-Bullying Policy" and "Discipline Policy" for further information.

The Student Mobile Phone policy is intended to create a focused learning environment while acknowledging the presence of technology in students' lives.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to maintaining a respectful and productive school setting.