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1 Smart Devices Policy

1.1 Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all forms of smart technology used by students are regulated to maintain a safe, focused, and fair learning environment. As new technologies continue to emerge, this policy provides clear guidelines on the use of smart devices within the school premises.

This policy applies to all students of The Grammar School Nicosia, during lessons, assessments, school activities, and events.

This policy must be read and followed together with the School's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy, Cybersecurity and Digital Safety Policy, Student Mobile Phone Usage Policy, Student iPad Usage Policy and Discipline Policy.

1.2 Category 1: Smartwatches and Wristbands

Smartwatches and fitness wristbands are **strictly prohibited during all forms of assessments**, including tests, quizzes, and examinations.

Students must remove these devices and store them safely in their bags before entering the examination room.

For use of mobile phones, please refer to the School's Mobile Phone Policy.

1.3 Category 2: Smart Glasses

Smart glasses, camera glasses, mixed-reality headsets, or similar wearable recording devices. (e.g., Meta Ray-Ban, Apple Vision Pro, Google Glass, etc.) are not permitted on school premises unless prior written permission has been given by the Headmaster for a specific educational purpose.

These devices can capture images, record audio or video, and therefore pose serious privacy and academic integrity concerns.

1.4 Category 3: Smart Earbuds

Smart earbuds or wireless audio devices (e.g., AirPods, Galaxy Buds, etc.) are **only permitted during break times** provided they are used responsibly and do not affect student safety, communication, or school supervision.

They must not be used during lessons, assemblies, or assessments unless explicit permission has been given by a teacher for a specific educational purpose.

1.5 Emerging Smart Devices

As technology evolves, new smart devices may be released that are not specifically mentioned in this policy.

In such cases, students must obtain written permission from the Headmasters before bringing or using any new smart device on school grounds.

The school reserves the right to review and update this policy at any time to reflect technological developments and safeguard the learning environment.

1.6 General Rules

No smart device may be used during assessments unless it has been formally approved as an access arrangement.

Where a smart device is required for an approved learning support or access arrangement, permission must be granted in advance by the School.

1.7 Non-Compliance

Any student found using a prohibited or unapproved smart device in violation of this policy may have the device confiscated and handed to the Head of Year. The student may collect the device at the end of the school day, unless the School decides that further investigation is required.

Consequences and restorative actions may be applied in line with Category 2 Offences of the School's Discipline Policy. Serious misuse, including unauthorised recording, sharing of images or videos, invasion of privacy, or use during assessments, may lead to further disciplinary action.