



Rationale

This policy is based on the Department of Education's 'Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy' Version 1.0 Effective 3 February 2020

Purpose

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

Broad Guidelines

Communication to parents or caregivers during school time of any and all issues relating to all students is the responsibility of the school and will be managed by the school.

Mobile phones can be an effective means of communication between parents and their children before and after school hours. However, during school time they are a distraction to students and may be detrimental to student learning. While there may exist a need for students to carry a mobile phone on school premises, their use is to be governed as per the guidelines.

For the purpose of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories.

Guidelines for students having a mobile phone on the school premises:

1. The sole responsibility for phone security lies with the owner of the phone.
2. Phones are to remain 'turned off' and secured in school bags.
3. Smart watches must be set to 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
4. Phones being used during school times 8:50am – 3:10pm will be confiscated and be available for collection, by the student, from the office after 3:10pm on the day of confiscation (2:30pm on Tuesdays). Students will be given a notification slip to inform parents of the confiscation.

Exemptions

The guidelines will be implemented unless a student has been granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile phones:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
- for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
- with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.

Parents are asked to sign the acknowledgement below to indicate they have read and understand the management policy as it relates to students with mobile phones on the school premises during instructional hours. Please return via your child's teacher.

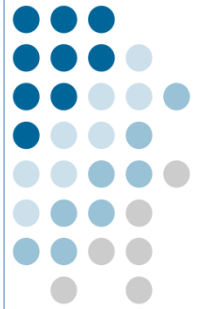
PARENT / GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT (Please complete and tick)

I have read and understand the Goollelal Primary School Student Mobile Phone Policy.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian signature

Date



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