



MOBILE PHONE/SMART WATCH POLICY

Responsibility

Seaford Rise Primary School acknowledges that mobile phones/smart watches may be used as a safety measure out of school hours for children who travel alone, on public transport or for those students who commute long distances to school.

Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains the vital and appropriate point of contact to ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.

The decision to provide a mobile phone/smart watch to their children should be made by parents or caregivers. Parents should be aware of the following information if their child takes a mobile phone/smart watch onto school premises.

The school accepts no responsibility for:

- Students who lose or have their mobile phones/smart watch stolen or damaged while travelling to and from school.
- Lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones/smart watches while at school.
- The school will not investigate stolen mobile phones/smart watches. In such cases students will be referred to the SAPOL to submit a report.

Acceptable use of mobile phones/smart watches at school

- Students are required to give their mobile phone/smart watch to their classroom teacher (switched off) at the beginning of the day and collect them at the end of the school day.
- Students cannot use their mobile phones/smart watches while on school grounds between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Any unexpected circumstance is to be managed through the front office via the school phone or the student using the mobile phone/smart watch under supervision.

Unacceptable Use

- Students found accessing or using their mobile phone/smart watch during the school day will be required to lodge their mobile phone/smart watch at the Front Office at the beginning of the school day and collect it at the end of the day if they wish to continue bringing it to school.
- Students with mobile phones/smart watches may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person or post private information about another person using SMS messages, the internet, taking/sending photos or objectionable images and phone calls.

Students using mobile phones/smart watches inappropriately at school will face disciplinary action as sanctioned by the Principal. The school has the legal right and responsibility to hold a student's mobile phone to be handed to the SAPOL if there are any concerns regarding inappropriate material on the phone or possible evidence of electronic abuse or harassment.

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