



HOLY SPIRIT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mobile Phone School Based Procedure

Rationale

Mobile phones have become an important and invaluable part of our modern lifestyle. The school understands there are times when possession of a mobile phone can provide a sense of safety and security while travelling to and from school.

Given the primary school setting we should consider their use in this context.

Aims

- The school aims to provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all students.
- The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that mobile phone usage does not disrupt this learning environment.
- To clarify the responsibilities of staff and students with regard to mobile phones

Guidelines

- In general, students should not bring valuable items to school as they can be easily lost, damaged or stolen which can be distressful for a primary age child. While we fully acknowledge a parent's preference to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school, Holy Spirit Primary School discourages students from bringing mobile phones to school when no appropriate purpose exists.
- Students remain responsible for all their personal effects whilst at school. When students enter the grounds, the school takes no responsibility for their mobile phones. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged phones.
- There is no reason why a student needs to have in their possession or use a mobile phone during the school day, unless for specific medical needs (e.g. medical).
- Mobile phones are to be turned off or on silent mode and kept in the classroom during school hours.
- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child can be reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.
- Parents and students should not be communicating during school hours unless otherwise agreed to by the Principal.

Actions

The following sanctions will apply to students who fail to adhere to these guidelines:

- The mobile phone may be confiscated.
- Actions based upon the school's Behaviour and Support Management Procedure will be enforced.

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