



Mobile Phone Policy and User Agreement

NAME: _____ **Year:** _____ **Room:** _____ **Date:** _____

There are some parents who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones or Smart Watches. This policy details the conditions under which these devices are permitted to be brought to school by students.

Policy

- Mobile phones and Smart Watches can be a distraction to student learning; a tool for bullying; and disruptive to the good management of the school; mobile phones capable of recording images are potentially invasive of others' privacy. Therefore, it is recommended that they should not be brought onto school premises by students.
- The school accepts that students may bring a mobile phone onto school premises to be used to make contact with parents after school.
- Any contact between a student and parent during school hours must be made through the school's administration.
- Parents who wish their child to bring a mobile phone or Smart Watch to school must complete the "Agreement for Mobile Phones", which acknowledges acceptance of this Policy and Conditions. Without a signed agreement these devices will be confiscated.

Conditions

- Mobile phones must be switched off and handed in to the **FRONT OFFICE** during school hours (from the time the student arrives to the conclusion of the school day).
- Smart Watches must be placed in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- A student will only be granted an exemption to this rule for the following reasons –
 - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan
 - for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher
 - with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose
- Any mobile phone that is brought to school and used for taking photographs/video, either before or after school, will be confiscated and any audio or visual recordings made will be erased.
- While at school, students are the responsibility of the school and any contact with parents must be through the appropriate staff member or a member of administration and not via a student's mobile phone.
- A student's mobile phone or Smart Watch which is in the possession of, or being used by, another student is subject to these conditions and consequences.
- The school does not accept responsibility for any loss, theft, or damage to mobile phones or Smart Watches.
- Once a phone is confiscated it can only be collected by the parent whose signature appears below.
- Repeated breaches of these conditions will void this agreement and result in disciplinary measures which may include a requirement for the student and parent to renegotiate permission to have a mobile phone at school.

Agreement for Mobile Phones

We (*parent/guardian and student*) agree to the Conditions outlined above and understand that violation of these Conditions may result in a loss of privilege to bring a mobile phone to school.

We understand that when a mobile phone is confiscated it can only be collected in person by a parent.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Mobile #: _____