



Takari Primary School

Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

The school acknowledge and appreciate the importance of technology in the lives of young people however, the use of mobile phones and electronic devices (iPads, iPods, game consoles etc...) are disruptive to the learning environment of students and use of these items in class is not permitted. Mobile phones and electronic devices should not be used at school or during school excursions, camps and extra curricula activities, without the permission from a staff member.

It is understood that for communications and safety reasons, students may wish to have a mobile phone with them while they are travelling and during the school day. Students may, for example, need to contact parents in emergencies or to confirm or change a collection time after school.

Guidelines:

- The school does not encourage students bring mobile phones and electronic devices to school.
- Students who bring mobile phones and electronic devices to school do so at their own risk.
- The school does not take any responsibility for students' mobile phones and electronic devices.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices are not to be used at school between 8:30am and 3:00pm, unless with the permission and supervision of a staff member.
- Parents should inform the school in advance and in writing if their child is required to use their mobile phone or electronic device at school.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices need to be stored in students' bags when they are at school.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices should not be used to photograph or film other individuals, or to access social media sites, on the school site.

Consequences:

- Students using mobile phones or electronic devices at school will have their phones or devices confiscated and a parent will be required to collect them from the school administration.
- Disciplinary action will be taken against any student who uses a mobile phone or electronic device to photograph or film other individuals or who accesses social media sites.

NB

There may be times when staff allow students to bring electronic devices to school as part of the school curriculum or special activity. This will be advised to parents prior to the event.

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