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Mobile Phone Policy

STATEMENT

Salisbury Downs Primary school's core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distraction or disruption.

Therefore the school discourages the bringing of mobile phones to school by students but understand that families may believe that a mobile phone is necessary for student safety and family communication outside of school hours.

Therefore mobile phones are allowed on the premises within the parameters of this policy.

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide information to students, staff and parents/caregivers with guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

ACCEPTABLE USE BY STUDENTS

Mobile phones remain the responsibility of the student and therefore are to be switched off during the school day.

Mobile phones need to be passed up to the classroom teacher at the start of the day to be locked away in a cupboard and returned at the end of the school day.

Students are not allowed to take photos/videos of other students in our school uniform on the school site. Students are not allowed to upload these photos to ANY social media page.

Students found to be using a mobile phone during school hours will have it confiscated and will be able to collect it from the front office after school. Should a second offence occur, the phone will be confiscated and a parent/caregiver must collect it or give written permission for the phone to be returned to the student.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Adults who are participating in activities or in learning spaces should have their phones switched to silent to avoid disruption to learning.

Photographs taken of children by community members must not be uploaded to the internet or published in any way, unless permission is given by that child's parents/caregivers.

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.

Students are not to be contacted by mobile phone during school hours. In case of emergency, the school office (8258 7560) remains a vital and appropriate point of contact.

Please note, the school accepts no responsibility for-

- Lost, stolen or damaged phones
- Students who lose or have their mobile phones stolen travelling to and from school.

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Courage

Good Manners

Friendliness

Compassion

Persistence

Tolerance



ACCEPTABLE USE BY STAFF

Staff should have their phones to silent and should not take or make personal calls during learning time.

Staff may only use their phones to set reminders for student needs (eg-medication) or as timers to signal the end of lessons.

APPROPRIATE USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Students, staff and community members with mobile phones should not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, making phone calls or using social media.

Students using mobile phones to bully other students will face disciplinary action at school.

Parents/caregivers of any students affected by any bullying or harassment will be advised to lodge a complaint to SAPOL as this type of behaviour contravenes the telecommunications act.

CYBER BULLYING

The mobile phone is the quickest and easiest way to cyber bully.

Cyberbullying can occur in many ways, including:

- Abusive texts
- Hurtful messages, images or videos
- Nasty online gossip and chat
- Humiliating others through social media sites

Students using mobile phones to cyber bully others or pass inappropriate content will have the matter investigated; documented and appropriate action will be taken.

Students/parents or caregivers will need to provide evidence of cyber bullying so the school can respond in the appropriate way.

In serious cases parents/caregivers will be called in for a meeting to discuss the matter and if necessary police will be consulted with the possibility of prosecution.

Salisbury Downs Primary School will continue to educate our students around cyber bullying and appropriate use of mobile phones.

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