



Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale:

At Dawson Park Primary School, we understand that some parents or guardians may wish for their children to carry a mobile phone due to after school commitments, health issues or in case of an emergency. In order to ensure that mobile phones are used appropriately, users must adhere to the following policy:

Policy:

For the purpose of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to headphones and ear buds. "Off and away all day" includes before school and at break times.

In the case of emergency, the office remains the point of contact and the most efficient way to contact your child. Students will not have phones in their possession during school hours. Parents wishing their child to bring a mobile phone to school are required to complete a consent form. If students bring a mobile phone to school, it must be handed to the office before school and collected at the end of the school day. The phones will be secured in the office and students can retrieve their phone at the conclusion of the school day.

If students do bring their mobile phones to school, it should be clearly marked with their name. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.

Smart watches must be switched to aeroplane mode as soon as students enter school grounds.

Students who infringe on the policy will have their mobile phone confiscated. Parent(s) of the student may collect the phone at their convenience. Inappropriate use of mobile phones will be dealt with under the Student Behaviour Policy. This includes students using them to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.

A parent consent form must be completed (appendix A) and handed to the front office.



APPENDIX A

Mobile Phone Parent Consent

Child's Name _____ Child's Classroom: _____

Phone Make: _____ Phone Model: _____ Serial Number: _____

Is the phone clearly labelled with the owner's name? _____

I understand that:

- A mobile phone brought to school by a student must be turned off and stored in the admin area.
- The school accepts no responsibility for the security of mobile phones brought to school.
- The mobile phone must be marked with the child's name.

Parent Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____