



Mobile Phone and Electronic Communication Devices Policy

Policy

This policy outlines the personal use of mobile phones and other electronic communication devices on our school site.

Rationale

The staff and School Advisory Council of Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School discourages but acknowledges the need for some children to have a mobile phone in their possession for safety or security reasons before and after school.

The teaching and learning process at OLHC must take place in an environment that is free from the distraction of mobile phones. Consequently we stress that there is to be no use of mobile phones during school hours. Students who have good reason to have a mobile phone at school will abide by the guidelines laid down in this policy.

Guidelines

Students

- The school discourages the bringing of any valuable items including mobile phones to school, as they can be lost, stolen or damaged
- The school takes no responsibility should anything happen to mobile phones brought to school. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk.
- Mobile phones are not permitted to be used during the school day, they must be turned off and must remain in the student's bag. If parents feel children are unable to manage this responsibility, the device can be left at the front office and collected at days end.
- Parents are advised that the best way to contact their child during the day is to call the office on 55625559. Staff can then ensure that the student is reached quickly and assisted in the appropriate manner.
- Students bringing mobile phones to school must have Mobile Phone Permission Slips completed by their parents and handed to the office.
- Mobile phones are not permitted on excursions/camps.

Inappropriate Use

There is no appropriate use of mobile phones by students in the school. In the event that a child is seen

- i) with their phone turned on or
- ii) using their mobile phone on the school premises,

the phone will be removed from the student and placed in the principal's office. The mobile phone will not be returned to the student until such time both a parent/guardian and the student report to the principal's office to collect it.

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I _____ parent/guardian of _____

(child) acknowledge that my child will have a mobile phone/electronic communication device at school under the conditions outlined in the OLHC Mobile Phone and Electronic Communication Devices Policy.

signed

Permission is granted under the conditions as expressed above.

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