

Dorset Primary School

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Rationale:

- Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and therefore must be effectively managed.

Aims:

- To utilize the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Implementation:

- The school will purchase and maintain enough mobile phones and service contracts to satisfy its needs.
- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure the school's mobile phones or similar appropriate communications devices accompany each trip.
- Mobile phones are not to be used for private calls, with the exception that staff are permitted to contact families or loved ones during overnight excursions or if an excursion is going to be late.
- Students are not to use the school's mobile phones without permission directly from the Teacher in Charge.
- Staff will be kept informed of DEECD information relating to health effects of using mobile phones.
- Students may bring personal mobile phones to school for health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of a mobile phone.
- Students' mobile phones must be presented to the class teacher at the beginning of each day and collected at the end of each day.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones into certain spaces or during certain activities.
- Students misusing personal mobile phones at school / causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones whilst at school.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Policy Source : School networks

This policy was last ratified by School Council in March 2010 To be reviewed 2013

