

JOHN HENRY PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE and ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Rationale:

Mobile phones and Electronic Devices such as iPads, PSP's, DS's, etc are modern day communication and entertainment tools. The school understands that mobile phones may provide increased security for students whilst travelling to and from school but there is no need for students to use mobile phones during the school day.

Aims:

- To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.
- To neutralise the potential of students being exposed to unsuitable content on electronic devices at school.
- To neutralise inappropriate use of electronic devices to access home wireless networks at school.

Implementation:

1. Where a student mobile phone is bought onto the school premises it is to be turned off at the school gate and to be handed in at the school office before school begins and can be collected after 3.15pm.
2. Mobile phones owned by students and staff are brought to school at their own risk.
3. The school accepts **NO responsibility** whatsoever for mobile phones that may be lost, stolen or damaged.
4. Teachers are not to be asked to mind a mobile phone under any circumstances.
5. Students are **NOT** permitted to use mobile phones at **any** time during the school day.
6. Mobile phones cannot be used to take photos or video at any time.
7. If a student is found to have not handed in their mobile phone, it will be taken from the student and sent to the office. A parent will need to collect the phone from the office as it will not be returned to the student. If this happens a second time the student will be banned from bringing the phone onto the school premises. The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing a mobile phone to school.
8. If parents wish to contact their child during the school day, they should do so through the normal school channels – ring the school's office on 59089500.
9. To foster consistency and ensure full attention is paid to teaching duties, teaching staff should have mobile phones switched to 'silent' in class and are not to take personal phone calls during class time, all emergency calls need to go through the main school administration channels.
10. Teachers in charge of all excursions must ensure school mobile phones or similar appropriate communication devices accompany each trip with phone number provided to the school. School mobile phones are not to be used for private calls.
11. Students **are not to bring** any electronic devices or electronic games to school such as; iPods, MP3s, DSs, PSPs, DS games etc.
12. Electronic Devices bought onto the school premises will be removed from a student and stored in the office security room. They will need to be collected by a parent as they will not be returned to the student.
13. Parents and students are expected to observe this school policy.

Evaluation:

This policy was written and passed in August 2016 by the interim school council.