Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale
The school recognizes that many students and their families own a mobile phone. In order to ensure students concentrate on their education and can enjoy their time with their peers at school without interruption, the school strongly discourages the bringing of mobile phones to school by students. We do understand that some parents will require their children to keep a mobile phone for travel and security reasons.

Aim
To inform all members of our school community about the appropriate use of mobile phones at our school.
To ensure that mobile phone usage does not disrupt the learning environment.

Implementation:
Staff & Volunteers
- During teaching time, whilst on playground duty and during meetings, mobile phones will be switched off or put on ‘silent’ or ‘discreet’ mode.
- Except in urgent or exceptional situations, personal mobile phone use is not permitted during teaching time, while on playground duty and during meetings; unless to contact emergency services in case of a critical incident or accident. The school provides a mobile phone for yard duty and a phone system for classrooms, which should in most situations, be adequate.

Students
- In general, students should not bring valuable items to school, as they can be easily lost or stolen, which is often distressful for a primary age child.
- Students remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school. When students enter the school grounds the school takes no responsibility for mobile phones. Mobile phones are brought to school, against school rules, are entirely at the owner’s risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
- There are no reasons why a student needs to have in their possession or use a mobile phone during the school day. Contact to students in cases of emergency, during the school day, will occur via the School Office. We can then ensure can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in an appropriate way.
- If students do bring their mobile phone to school it should be clearly marked with their name and handed into the office upon arrival. A note from a parent or guardian accompanying the phone must also be handed in to the Office. Appropriate reasons include ensuring safer travel from home and school. Phones found at school will be stored at the office for safe keeping and can be collected at the end of the day upon request.
- Phones found whilst school excursions or camps, will be removed from students and returned on request at the end of the day.

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