



Student Mobile Phones and Connected Devices Policy & Agreement

Policy Statement

The Department of Education (Refer *Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy, 6 December 2023*) does not permit student use of connected devices such as mobile phones and smart watches in public schools, unless for medical or teacher-directed educational purposes.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Glencoe Primary School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Glencoe Primary School recognises that an increasing number of parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Glencoe Primary School.

- Connected devices can be a distraction to student learning, a tool for bullying, and disruptive to the good management of the school; devices capable of recording images are potentially invasive of others' privacy. Therefore, it is recommended that connected devices (including, but not limited to mobile phones and smart watches) are not brought onto school premises by students.
- Parents who wish their child to bring a connected device such as a mobile phone or smart watch, to school, must complete this "Student Mobile Phones and Connected Devices Policy and Agreement", which acknowledges acceptance of this Policy and Conditions. Without a signed agreement, connected devices will be confiscated.
- Fitness tracking watches which do not have cameras, Wi-Fi or network connection capability are exempt from this policy.

Conditions of Use

- All student mobile phones, smart watches and other connected devices must be switched off and handed in to the **FRONT OFFICE** during school hours (from the time the student arrives to the conclusion of the school day).
- A student will only be granted an exemption to this rule for the following reasons –
 - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan
 - for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher
 - with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose
- Any device that is brought to school and used for taking photographs/video, either before or after school, will be confiscated and any audio or visual recordings made will need to be erased.
- While at school, students are the responsibility of the school and any contact with parents must be through the appropriate staff member or a member of administration, and not via a student's device.
- A student's device which is in the possession of, or being used by, another student is subject to the same conditions and consequences.
- The school does not accept responsibility for any loss, theft, or damage to connected devices.
- Once a device is confiscated it can only be collected by a parent/guardian.
- Repeated breaches of these conditions will void the agreement and result in disciplinary measures, which may include the requirement to renegotiate permission to have a connected device at school.

Agreement for Mobile Phones and Connected Devices

Student Name: _____

- We (*parent/carer and student*) agree to the Conditions outlined above and understand that violation of these Conditions may result in a loss of privilege to bring a connected device to school.
- We understand that when a connected device is confiscated it can only be collected in person by a parent/carer.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Mobile Number: _____