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Rationale

Goollelal Primary School values its learning environment.

Purpose

New personal technologies often impose new challenges for both school and students. The aim of this policy is to minimise intrusion and associated misbehaviour, bullying and theft involving mobile phone technology.

Broad Guidelines

Communication to parents or care givers during school time of any and all issues relating to all students is the responsibility of the school and will be managed by the school.

Mobile phones can be an effective means of communication between parents and their children before and after school hours. However, during school time they are a distraction to students and affect learning. While there may exist a need for students to carry a mobile phone on school premises, their use is to be governed as per the guidelines.

Mobile phones are also a new medium for bullying and inappropriate usage and as such will be strictly controlled within the school environment, as per the guidelines.

Guidelines for students having a mobile phone on the school premises:

1. Sole responsibility for phone security lies with the owner of the phone
2. Phones are to remain 'turned off' and secured in school bags
3. Phones being used during school times 8:50am – 3:10pm will be confiscated and be available for collection, by the student, from the office after 3:10pm on the day of confiscation. (2:30pm on Tuesdays) Students will be given a notification slip to inform parents of the confiscation.

Parents are asked to sign the acknowledgement below to indicate they have read and understand the management policy as it relates to students with mobile phones on the school premises during instructional hours. Please return via your child's teacher.

PARENT / GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT (Please complete and tick)

I have read and understand the Goollelal Primary School Student Mobile Phone Policy.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian signature

Date