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Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Mobile Phone and Technology Policy

Policy Objective:

Clarendon Primary School acknowledges that mobile phones may be used as a safety measure out of school hours for children who travel alone, on public transport or for those students who commute long distances to school. The school also acknowledges the prevalence of mobile technology in modern life and that there are benefits and risks associated with the use of mobile technologies. This policy aims to ensure safe and responsible use of access to mobile technologies for students at Clarendon Primary School.

Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency during school hours, the school office remains the vital and appropriate point of contact to ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.

Clarendon Primary School acknowledges that the decision to provide a mobile phone to their children should be made by parents or guardians. Parents should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone or mobile technology device onto school premises. Mobile technologies may include but are not exclusive to the following: Mobile Phones, Cameras, Game Consoles (Nintendo DS etc) MP3 players, ipods, ipads, tablet and laptop computers or any device with audio, video or still photo capture and storage capability or wi-fi connectivity.

Please note the school accepts no responsibility for:

- Lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones or mobile technologies
- Students who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.
- The school will not investigate stolen phones. In such cases students will be referred to the SA Police to submit a report.

Acceptable Use

- Mobile phones are to be switched off and put away during school time
- Mobile phones remain the responsibility of the student. They are to be kept in bags and are not to be taken into the school yard. Where a teacher accepts the responsibility to store them, they may be kept in a locked cupboard and returned at the end of the school day.

Unacceptable Use

- Students with mobile phones may not engage in personal attacks harass another person or post private information about another person using SMS, the internet, taking/sending photos or objectionable images and phone calls.
- Mobile phones or any electronic communication devices eg Ipod, Ipad, tablet, laptop etc. are not to be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the internet, take photos, record audio / video or be used for any other application on school grounds without the express permission and under direct supervision of a teacher.

Any form of cyber bullying, within or outside of school is unacceptable Students using mobile phones inappropriately at school will face disciplinary action as sanctioned by the Principal. The school has the legal right and responsibility under the Education Act to hold a student's mobile phone to be handed to the SA Police if there are any concerns re inappropriate material on the phone or possible evidence of electronic abuse or harassment.

Accessing the internet by using a mobile phone will be considered a breach of the school's code of conduct regarding computer use and will result in access privileges to the school's computers being withdrawn. Any student who is found to have a mobile phone or technology on them during school time and in use will have their device confiscated and returned to the parent/guardian upon request.

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