

Schools can make reasonable rules about what students can and cannot bring to school. They can ban anything which is illegal, dangerous or is likely to cause disruption or harm to the smooth running of the school and the education of other students.

The use of mobile phones, MP3 players and similar electronic devices in class is disruptive to the learning environment of other students. In addition to this, mobile phones use cellular data meaning that students can access the web without being monitored through the school filter network. As a result, mobile phones are not allowed in classrooms.

School guidelines and expectations

- If families need their child to bring a mobile phone to school it must be clearly named and left at the office upon arrival to school and collected after school.
- Students do not need to have access to a mobile phone during school times. The office staff will contact parents when children are sick or injured or other urgent situations arise.
- During school hours, parents are welcome to contact the office and messages from parents will be passed on to the students.
- If a student has a mobile phone at school, in class or in the playground, the teacher will have the student immediately deliver it to the office and complete the register. It will be kept in a secure area until after school. It is the student's responsibility to collect the phone and it will only be returned after the home bell.
- Mobile phones are brought to school at their owners' risk. The school, in the event of the loss, theft or damage of any phone will accept no liability.
- The policy also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.
- Normal school disciplinary consequences apply to breaches of these guidelines.

Additional information

- It is recommended by the Department of Education that disciplinary action be taken against any student who photographs or films other individuals without their consent or who sends harassing or threatening messages.