



DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOBILE TELEPHONE AND  
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION  
DEVICES POLICY

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This policy outlines the appropriate use of mobile **telephones and other electronic communication devices** on our school site.

## Rationale




Deanmore Primary School recognizes that many students and their families own a mobile phone and that some parents/guardians request that their child brings a mobile phone to school for before and after school safely reasons.

Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary disruptions. Therefore the school is prepared to allow mobile phones, wi-fi enabled devices and electric communication devices, on the premises but only within the parameters of the policy as outlined below.

-  The student has parent consent to bring the mobile phone or other communication devices to school.
-  Students remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school. The school takes no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to a mobile phone, etc. whilst it is on the school premises.
-  That the mobile phone, etc. is switched off during school hours (8:50am to 3:00pm) or as soon as the student enters the school grounds.
-  The mobile phone, etc. is to be stored in the student's bag for the duration of the school day. There are no reasons why a student needs to use a mobile phone, etc. during the school day. In case of emergencies, students can contact their parents via the school office.
-  Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.




## Sanctions

In line with our Student Behaviour Management Policy, the following sanctions may be applied to students who fail to follow these guidelines.

-  The student may have the phone confiscated for the remainder of that day.
-  Administration staff may contact parents regarding mobile phone use at school.
-  The student may be banned from bringing a mobile phone onto the school grounds.

## Inappropriate Use of Mobile Phones and electronic communication devices

At Deanmore PS, use of a mobile phone will be deemed inappropriate if it;

-  Disrupts or is likely to disrupt learning
-  Threatens or is likely to threaten the safety and/or wellbeing of any person or
-  Is in breach of any law.

***Inappropriate use of mobile phones and electronic communication devices will include students using them to bully, intimidate or harass other people through SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer systems available on the phone. This type of misuse will be dealt with under the Student Behaviour Policy.***

To be read in conjunction with;

- Behaviour Management Policy
- Internet Usage Policy
- Mobile Telephone and Electronic Communication Devices Policy
- Bullying Policy