

Avondale Primary School Protocol for students' mobile phones and other valuables

Aim: The aim of this statement is to provide guidance to parents and staff about the appropriate use of mobile phones and other valuable electronic equipment.

Overview

The school would prefer that articles of value which are not needed for the purposes of study are not brought to school.

Should a mobile phone or other item of value be brought to school, it should be understood that the school accepts no responsibility for its replacement should it be lost or stolen. Of course, reasonable effort will be made to recover any such equipment.

Mobile phones are part of the modern world. For reasons of safety and people leading busy lives, many parents may feel the need to be in mobile telephone contact with their children.

However, there is a downside to students carrying or using mobiles at school. Loss, damage, misuse and theft cause unnecessary disruption to the school day.

Restrictions

Students are not allowed to use or access a mobile phone during school hours. Use/access may include:

- incoming/outgoing calls and text messages
- playing games
- using calculators
- checking time
- taking photos and
- listening to FM radio (possible on some phones)

Should parents deem that it is necessary for their son or daughter to carry a mobile to and from school, then it must be turned off and not used during school hours (8.50am – 3.15pm).

Students found using their phone during school hours will have the phone confiscated for the remainder of the day. A second breach will result in the phone being confiscated for the period of one week and parents will be contacted.

Students needing to make an emergency call will be able to use the Front Office phones. Students must have a note in their diaries authorising this use from a member of staff.

During school hours a student will need permission from a member of staff to use a phone; this phone will be a school landline phone.

It should also be understood by students that the use of a walkman is discouraged during the school day, and they must not be used during lessons. Any inappropriate use will result in confiscation in the same way as it applies to mobile telephones.

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Updates

This policy may be updated or revised from time to time. If you are unsure whether you are reading the most current version, you should contact the Principal. **Mobile phone Permission form in Student Welfare Policies Folder.**