



Use of Electronic Equipment

Junior Students (1st to 3rd Years)

We would ask that parents encourage their sons to leave their phones at home. Other than the occasional need to contact a parent or vice versa, students have very little requirement to have a phone with them during the school day. If they need to contact home, then that can be done through the school.

In the event that phones are brought to school, junior students will be required to turn them off at the school gates and put them into their lockers as soon as they arrive in the building.

The mobile phone should remain in the locker until the end of the school day, when a student may retrieve it and turn it on at the school gates. In the case of students leaving the school premises at lunchtime, they may take their mobile phones with them and turn them on at the school gates, turning them off before they come back in afterwards.

Students who do not abide by the rule will be subject, initially, to a Wednesday detention. Persistent infractions will be dealt with by increased sanctions up to and including suspension.

The school encourages parents to ensure that the lock for their son's locker is robust, suitable and secure enough to safeguard the security of any phone that is stored there. The school takes no responsibility for the storage of mobile phones in lockers – it is the student's responsibility. Parents should ensure that mobile phones are covered under their house insurance policy, as there is no cover available under the school's policy.

Senior Students (4th to 6th Years)

Mobile phones, radios, personal music players, smart-watches or other such appliances must be powered off (**i.e. completely shut down and not simply put on silent or vibration alert**) at all times when lessons are officially in session. This means that all electronic devices must be powered off completely during class times. i.e.:

from 8.35am (first bell) to 10.40am
from 10.50am to 12.50pm and
from 1.50pm to 3.50pm.

Once used responsibly, electronic devices may be used outside these times. Even when turned off during lessons, phones or other electronic devices must not constitute a distraction of any kind. A first time violation of this rule will result in the confiscation of the device by the teacher for the remainder of that day (*the device may be collected from the Deputy Principal's office at the end of the school day*) and the imposition of a detention. Subsequent violations of the rule will result in further periods of detention at the discretion of the Deputy Principal.

All Students

The camera/video or other visual or sound recording component of a mobile phone or any other device may only be used when expressly authorised by a teacher. The unauthorised use of any electronic device (both on and off the school premises at any time when the student is in school uniform or engaged in any school-related activity) to take images (either still or moving) or to record sound will be regarded as a very serious infringement of school rules. Sanctions for such infringement extend from detention(s) to (in serious cases involving bullying, cyberbullying or bringing the good name of the school or teacher into disrepute) suspension or even expulsion.

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