

PLAYFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOBILE TELEPHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

INTRODUCTION:

Policy for use of mobile phones and other electronic devices (ie Gameboys, Nintendo DS, CD players etc).

The following policy applies to all school personnel, students and visitors and is based on a set of values shared by teaching staff and Governing Council.

Our core business at Playford Primary School is to promote and support teaching and learning in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruption.

We are concerned about all articles or devices brought into the classroom that create a disruption to valuable learning time. To avoid confiscation of hand held electronic devices, for example, Nintendo DS, Ipods and Game Boys, please help at

home by advising your child on what they should or shouldn't bring to school. **The school will not take any responsibility if such devices are lost or stolen.**



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STUDENTS

Reception to Year 7 students are not permitted to use a mobile phone whilst at school.

If students are required for safety reasons to have a mobile phone then it is to be handed in to the class teacher before school and collected after school.

Students remain responsible for all their personal effects while at school. When students enter the school grounds, **the school takes no responsibility** for either mobile phones or electronic devices.

Parent contact with students can be made directly on fixed landline phones and messages accessed through Student Services.

If mobile phones are found on students:

1. They will be confiscated from students.
2. The parent/caregiver will be contacted.
3. The mobile phone will be returned at the end of the day after the issues and concerns have been discussed with the parents/care givers.

STAFF

Teaching and support staff have access to a school mobile phone when required for yard duty, camps and excursions.

All users of personal mobile phones are to switch their phones off or to silent when in public areas, including meetings, interviews and classrooms.

Both incoming and outgoing calls are strongly discouraged on personal mobiles during class teaching and learning periods.

PARENTS / CARERS:

We ask parents/carers and visitors to switch their phones off or to silent when in the classroom or attending a school function. For example; school performance, assembly, open day event.

