



Policy for the Use of Mobile Phones in School

Rationale

At Coral Primary School, we acknowledge the issues associated with the use of mobile phones in school. These include:

- Health concerns for young children using mobile phones excessively
- The possibility of expensive phones being lost or stolen
- Safe storage of phones during the school day
- Inappropriate use of phones.

For these reasons we discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school. However, as parents/guardians, you may feel your child/ward needs to carry a mobile phone for security reasons travelling to and from school. Before allowing their child/ward to bring a mobile phone to school, parents/guardian should consider the following:

- Where will the student keep the phone for safe keeping during the day?
- Where will the student keep the phone while playing?
- How will you control your child's/ward's use of the phone?

Policy Statement

The following rules apply to students who bring mobile schools to school:

- The usage of the mobile phone is **restricted to after school hours and within the confines of the school canteen.**
- Students bringing mobile phones to school do so at their own risk – the school does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones.
- Parents/guardians should submit the request form to the Principal if they want their child/ward to bring one to school.
- The student will be responsible for taking care of his/her mobile phone at all times.
- Parents/guardians must counsel their child/ward on the inappropriate use of mobile phones.
- The use of mobile phone cameras or videos is **not** permitted at school.
- Mobile phones will be confiscated if students are found to have used it inappropriately. The school will contact the student's parents/guardians to discuss the student's use of the phone.

Inappropriate Use of Mobile Phones

Generally a mobile phone will be used inappropriately if it:

- Disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school, or
- Threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of any person, or
- Is in breach of the law.

Inappropriate use of a mobile phone includes:

- Students using their phone to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.
- If students use mobile phones inappropriately, the principal and school reserve the right to take action. The action may include any of the following:
 - Permission to bring the mobile phone will be revoked;
 - Confiscating mobile phones from individual students;
 - Applying student disciplinary provisions.

Request for Permission to Bring Mobile Phone to School

Acknowledgement Slip

- I understand the school's **mobile phone policy**.
I (will / will not*) be writing in to request for permission. ***If you are writing in to request for permission, please use the request form below.***

Dear Principal

I am writing in to seek your permission for my child/ward,

_____ (name of child/ward) of _____ (class) to bring
his / her * mobile phone to school because (*please state reasons*)

I ensure that my child/ward will abide by the school rules regarding the use of mobile phones in the school as stated in the **Policy for the Use of Mobile Phones in School**.

Thank you.

Name of Parent/Guardian Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

For Official Use

Personnel	Signature	Date
Approval given by Principal		
Sticker issued by DM to FT/co-FT		

FT & Co-FT – CSO, DM, Pupil Profile file