



# Student Mobile Phone Policy

## Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Madeley PS for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Madeley PS would prefer it if mobile phones were not brought to school. However, Madeley PS recognises that an increasing number of parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Madeley PS.

## Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the classroom teacher before the commencement of the school day. Students can collect their mobile phone at the end of the school day. The classroom teacher will clearly identify and secure the students mobile phone.
- Madeley PS accepts no responsibility for the security and safety of all mobile phones.
- All parent communication to their child, during the school day, is made through the school office.

## Exemptions and Communication

- Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires a mobile phone:
  - To monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
  - Under the direct instruction of a teacher for educational purposes; or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- Madeley Primary School has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

## Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the *School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures*.
- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone at their earliest convenience.
- In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, the principal may request the withdrawing of the mobile phone from the school for a determined period or permanently.

**Further Guidance**

*For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.*

## Application for Mobile Phone on School Premises

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Details \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Classroom \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the reason for \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) having a mobile telephone on school premises:

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Please be aware that Madeley Primary School and Madeley Primary School staff members accept no responsibility for loss and/or damage to mobile telephones and any associated mobile telephone contracts relating to loss and/or damage on school premises.