



STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND WEARABLE TECHNOLOGIES IN SCHOOLS

2025 ST JOSEPHS KILABEN BAY PROCEDURE

Rationale

St Joseph's Primary School accepts that parents give their children mobile phones and wearable technologies for their security and personal safety from everyday risks. There is also ever-increasing concern about children travelling unaccompanied. With parents having to work shift hours as well as organise busy afternoon schedules for their children, we acknowledge that providing a child with a mobile phone and/or wearable technology gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child outside school hours.

Purpose

1.1 This procedure provides management guidelines and articulates responsibilities for staff, students and parents to ensure that Mobile Phones and Wearable Technologies are used appropriately and safely at school.

1.2 St Joseph's Primary School has established the following Acceptable Use Procedure for mobile phones/wearable technologies that provides teachers, students and parents with guidelines for the appropriate use of these devices during school hours. For students to have a device during school hours, students and their parents or guardians must first read, understand and accept the conditions of St Joseph's Acceptable Use procedure for Mobile Phones and Wearable Technologies agreement. This agreement also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

Responsibilities

STUDENTS	TEACHERS	PARENTS
Must adhere to the guidelines in the user agreement.	Keep the device secure and ensure the agreement is adhered to. Respond to and report any inappropriate use of mobile phones.	Must have signed the user agreement and discussed it with their child.





Acceptable Uses

2.1 Mobile phones should be switched off during the day. Wearable Technologies should be switched to 'school mode' or silent. They may be switched on at 2.40 pm (end of the school day) to receive any messages. Parents are **reminded that in cases of emergency, phoning the school office remains the foremost point of contact** and can ensure your child is reached quickly, and assisted in any appropriate way.

Unacceptable Uses

2.2 Devices should not be used to make calls, send texts, (Parents/ carers included) browse the internet, take photos or any other application during the school day.

2.3 Devices should not disrupt classroom lessons by ringing or beeping. Students will be held responsible should there be disruptions to lessons caused by a mobile phone.

2.4 Students are not permitted to phone or send text messages to another student while travelling on a school bus.

2.5 Students are not permitted to take photos of other students at school or while travelling on a school bus.

2.6 Students are not permitted to lend their mobile phone or other wearable technologies to another student to use whilst on school grounds. If a student needs to contact their parents, they can request to use the school phone.

Theft or Damage

3.1 Students are required to mark their name clearly on their device.

3.2 Students who bring a mobile phone to school should store it in their classroom in the mobile device tub.

3.3 The school accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their devices stolen while on the premises as well as while travelling to and from school.

3.4 It is strongly advised that students use a password/pin number to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones (eg if stolen). Students must keep their password/pin number confidential.





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Inappropriate Conduct

3.5 Students with devices may not use the technology to menace, harass, bully or offend another person using SMS messages, taking or sending photos or by making phone calls. It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone/wearable technology in this manner.



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Parent / Guardian Permission Form

Please mark the boxes to show understanding of the STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND WEARABLE TECHNOLOGIES IN SCHOOLS

I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of mobile phones and wearable technologies at St Joseph's Primary School Kilaben Bay and I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school.

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I have read and discussed the implications of this procedure with my child. My child fully understands the school requirements for them to have a mobile phone and wearable technology at school.

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I give my child permission to carry a mobile phone/wearable technology to school and understand that my child will be responsible for ensuring that the device is used appropriately and correctly while under the school's supervision, as outlined in this procedure.

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I understand my child will hand in their mobile phone upon arrival at school to their classroom teacher and will collect it at 2.40pm or when exiting the school.

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Parent Name (please print):

Parent signature: **Date:**

My child will need to bring their phone and or wearable technology to school on: (please circle)

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Student Name (please print):

Student Class:

Student's Mobile phone number:

Student signature:

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Teacher name (please print):

Teacher signature:

Date:



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