



SAMSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACCEPTABLE USE OF MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Purpose

The increased ownership of mobile phones requires that school administrators, teachers, students and parents take steps to ensure that mobile phones are used responsibly. This Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones Policy is designed to ensure that potential issues (such as mobile etiquette) can be clearly identified and addressed, ensuring the benefits that mobile phones provide (such as increased safety) can continue to be enjoyed by our students.

Samson Primary School has established the following Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones Policy that provide teachers, students and parents guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours. In order for students to carry a mobile phone during school hours, students and their parents or guardians must first read and understand the Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones Policy.

The Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones Policy also applies to students during school excursions and extra curricular activities.

Rationale

Samson Primary School staff accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also ever-increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile phones onto school premises to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document.

The decision to provide a mobile phone to their children should be made by parents or guardians.

Parents should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone onto school premises.

Permission to have a mobile phone at school while under the school's supervision is contingent upon parent/guardian permission in the form of a signed copy of this policy. Parents/guardians may revoke approval at any time.

Students are required to mark their mobile phone clearly with their name.

Students who bring a mobile phone onto school premises should leave it in their bag as soon as they arrive. In order to reduce the risk of theft during school hours, students who carry mobile phones are advised to keep them well concealed and not 'advertise' they have them.

The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.

Inappropriate Conduct

Students with mobile phones may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, and phone calls. Students using a mobile phone to bully other students will face disciplinary actions as sanctioned by the Principal. This may involve police intervention.

Parent/Guardian Permission

I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of mobile phones at Samson Primary School and I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school and that the details may be used (and shared with a third party, if necessary) to assist identify a phone should the need arise (e.g. if lost, or if the phone is being used inappropriately).

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

Parent name: (print) _____

Parent signature _____

Date: _____

Student Name: (print) _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have comments or suggestions, please contact the Principal.
