

DEVICE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

This policy includes all manner of electronic devices, such as mobile phone, iPods and other MP3 players, smart watches, digital cameras, laptops and notebook computers.

It is understood that cell phones and other smart devices are given to students for good reason and for general convenience e.g. collecting students from school / events. As a result, more and more students are bringing mobile phones and other electronic devices to school.

The school rule regarding these items are that the students have to sign them in at reception immediately upon arrival and before the commencement of the academic day at 7:30am.

The items are locked safely away. Students may collect their device etc. when the academic day has ended at 2pm or when the student exists the school premises.

Any student attending aftercare past 16h00 when reception closes, should sign out their device and hand it into the care of the Aftercare Supervisor until such time as they are collected.

If a student is found to have an electronic device in the classroom, during the course of the teaching day, the process will be as follows:

1. On the 1st offence the device will be confiscated until the end of the academic day for collection at reception after 2pm and a warning issued on the demerit log.
2. On the 2nd offence the device will be confiscated until the end of term and a demerit issued.
3. On the 3rd offence the disciplinary process will follow.

Parents should take the following points into consideration before allowing a student to bring electronic devices to school.

During the Academic Day/Outing Event

- Summerhill School bears no liability or responsibility for any damage caused to these items in whatsoever manner whilst on the school premises;
- Outside the academic day, it is each student's responsibility to ensure that their devices are kept secure at all times;
- The school's insurance policy does not cover these items;
- Parents should ensure that their children's devices are insured under their personal insurance policy;
- No devices are allowed on camp.

During Sporting Events

- At the end of the academic day, some students attend sporting events, and it is their sole responsibility to ensure that phone and other devices are securely stored;
- Sports coaches, parents, spectators and other students will not take on this responsibility.

Exceptions

- Only the Photography Committee members who have signed the electronic device agreement may use a device at school.

Below is a permission form for completion by parents who consent to their children bringing electronic devices to school. By signing the form, parents confirm their understanding and agreement that school will not take responsibility for these devices in the case of loss or damage, when not handed in at Reception.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN FORM TO RECEPTION

We, _____

Parents of _____ Grade _____

And _____ Grade _____

And _____ Grade _____

And _____ Grade _____

Confirm that we have read and understood the DEVICE POLICY FOR STUDENTS. By our signature hereto, we grant permission for our child/ren to bring their cell phone and other electronic devices to school and we indemnify Summerhill school from any loss or damage incurred to these devices by whatsoever cause.

1st Parent Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

2nd Parent Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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