



MAESTEG SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE POLICY



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Maesteg School recognises that mobile phones have become an important aspect of everyone's life and have considerable value, particularly in relation to individual safety. The school therefore accepts, that students will bring mobile phones to the school. However, mobile phones **must not be used** anywhere on the school premises at any time during the school day.

Students need to acknowledge that it is a privilege to be permitted to bring mobile phones to school and abuse of this policy may lead to a curtailment of this privilege.

Should a student choose to bring their mobile phone to school, responsibility for the phone rests with the student and the school will take no financial responsibility for loss or damage.

Rules:

- 1) Students must not use phones during the school day. This means that phones must not be used for making/receiving calls, checking the time or texting. Mobile phones must be switched off and stored in the student's bag. Quite simply, they must not be visible.
- 2) Headphones must not be worn at any time of the school day.
- 3) Students must not use phones or other devices to listen to or broadcast music.
- 4) If mobile phones are seen, they will be confiscated and be returned at the end of the day. If students dispute this, parents will be asked to collect the phone from school immediately.

- 5) If there is a situation which requires communication with home, students must speak to a member of pastoral staff who will deal with the matter. Personal mobile phones must not be used to communicate with home. In an emergency parents/carers should phone reception and a message will be taken to the student.
- 6) Mobile phones cannot, under any circumstances, be taken into examination rooms. Breach of this rule must be reported to the exam board which will lead to the invalidation of that examination and potentially other examinations.

Responsible Use:

The school aims to educate students in the responsible use of technology. Parents can support the school and their child by ensuring the following:

- 1) files stored on their phones do not contain violent, degrading or pornographic images. The transmission/sharing of some information is a criminal offence. Students found to be responsible for this will have their phone confiscated; it will be returned to their parent/carer, or in some instances, passed to the police.
- 2) The school has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying. Cyber-bullying is completely unacceptable. Students found to be responsible for this will have their phone confiscated until it collected by their parent/carer or passed to the police and may face exclusion.
- 3) The school is a workplace. The good order and discipline of the school and teaching and learning must not be affected by the use of mobile phones.

Note: all points in the policy apply to phones, watches and any similar device.