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Rationale for Student Mobile Phone Use Policy

In an era of increasing technological integration, the implementation of a Student Mobile Phone Use Policy is essential to maintain a conducive learning environment and ensure the safety and well-being of our students. This policy is established with the following key rationales in mind:

- **Minimising Distractions:** The primary focus of students during school hours should be on academic learning and social interactions within the school community. Allowing unrestricted mobile phone use can lead to distractions that impede the educational process.

- **Promoting Responsible Usage:** By requiring formal written permission from parents, we emphasise the importance of responsible mobile phone usage. This policy encourages parents to consider the necessity of their child having a mobile phone at school and reinforces the idea that its use should be purposeful and controlled.

- **Ensuring Safety and Security:** Limiting mobile phone use helps in maintaining the safety and security of students. Unregulated phone usage can lead to issues such as cyberbullying, inappropriate sharing of content, or the use of social media during school hours, all of which can compromise the safety of students.

- **Reducing the Risk of Theft and Loss:** This policy aims to minimse the risk of theft or loss of mobile phones. Students are made aware of their responsibility for the security and care of their devices.

The primary goal of this policy is to establish guidelines for responsible mobile phone use among students at our school, fostering a focused and safe learning environment.

General Rule

Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school unless explicit written permission has been obtained from parents and approved by the school.

Permission Process

Parents must formally request permission for their child to bring a mobile phone to school. Permission requests should be submitted in writing to the Head of Phase, with a copy provided to the form tutor. In their request, parents are expected to address the following points:

- Reason for Request: Clearly state the reasons why you believe your child needs to have a mobile phone during school hours. This could include safety concerns, coordination of schedules, or other specific reasons.
- Proposed Usage: Specify the intended usage of the mobile phone. For example, if it is solely for contacting parents or designated drivers for pick-up purposes, mention this explicitly.

- Acknowledgment of School Policy: Include a statement acknowledging that you have read and understood the school's policy on mobile phone use and that you agree to abide by its terms and conditions.
- Assurance of Responsibility: Express your commitment to ensuring responsible use of the mobile phone by your child during school hours.
- Signature: Sign the letter by hand, and if possible, include a printed version of your name beneath the signature.

Permission Granted

If permission is granted, students are strictly prohibited from taking their mobile phones out of their bags during the school day, except for specific and approved circumstances.

The only permissible use during school hours is for calling parents, guardians, or designated drivers for collection purposes **at the end of the day.**

Guidelines for Approved Usage

1. Students must wait until the end of the school day or a designated break to use their mobile phones for the approved purposes.
2. Calls should be brief and focused on essential communication related to pick-up arrangements.
3. Use of mobile phones for texting, social media, gaming, or any non-essential activities is strictly prohibited during school hours.

Consequences for Violation

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary actions, including the implementation of a three-strike rule:

- **First Offense:** Verbal warning and a reminder of the policy.
- **Second Offense:** Confiscation of the mobile phone for the remainder of the school day. Parents will be notified.
- **Third Offense:** Confiscation of the mobile phone for the rest of the school day, to be handed over to the Head of Phase for safekeeping. Parents will be notified and required to collect the phone. Repeat offenses will result in a meeting with parents to discuss additional consequences, potentially including a temporary suspension of mobile phone privileges.

Security and Responsibility

Students are solely responsible for the security and safety of their mobile phones. **The school will not be held liable for loss, damage, or theft of mobile devices.**

Review and Amendments

This policy will be periodically reviewed and updated as needed to address evolving technologies and maintain a conducive learning environment.

By adhering to this Mobile Phone Use Policy, our school aims to create an environment where technology is utilised responsibly, ensuring that the focus remains on education, and minimising disruptions during school hours.