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'Goals of Education'

Education must develop every child's personality, talents & abilities to the full.

It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own & other cultures, & the environment.

PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

Policy Statement

At Dunbarney Primary School, we are committed to ensuring a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment for all pupils. In line with Perth and Kinross Personal Mobile Device Policy and to avoid disruption to learning and social interaction, personal mobile devices, including mobile phones and smartwatches, are not permitted to be used as a smart device on school premises.

Scope

This policy applies to all pupils, staff and visitors in Dunbarney Primary School and covers the use of personal mobile devices during the school day, on school grounds, Parent Council activities after hours and during any school-related activities such as school excursions.

Mobile Phones – Pupil Guidance

- Mobile phones must not be used on school premises at any time.
- Upon entering the school grounds (including the playground), phones must be switched off and stored in the child's school bag.
- Mobile phones may not be used to make calls, send messages, access the internet, or take photographs/videos while on school grounds or on school excursions.

Smart Devices (e.g., Watches)

- Smartwatches or similar mobile devices must not be used to access communication, internet, games, or camera functions during the school day.
- Parents are expected to lock or disable these functions prior to the child arriving at school where possible.
- These devices should be used solely for basic timekeeping during the school day.

Non-Compliance

If a pupil is found using a personal mobile device on school premises, the following steps will be taken:

- The child/young person will be asked to surrender the device immediately to the class teacher and it will be kept in a teacher desk drawer or locked box/cabinet provided in class.
- The device will then be passed on for safekeeping to the Headteacher or Depute Headteacher at break or lunch break and secured in a locked cabinet for the remainder of the school day.
- Parents/carers will be notified by email that the device was surrendered as a result of the breach of policy.
- The device will be returned to the pupil at the end of the school day.

Parent/Carer Support and Responsibilities

We ask all parents and carers to support the school by:

- Agreeing to the request made by staff to their child to surrender a mobile device when the policy has been breached.
- Ensuring their child understands and follows the policy so we avoid the need to ask for the surrender of a device.
- Locking smart devices appropriately before school.
- Not contacting children during the school day via mobile devices. In case of emergency, parents should always contact the school office.

Mobile Phones – Staff & Adult Visitor Guidance

- Mobile phones must not be used in any learner occupied learning areas during the school day.
- Upon entering the school grounds (including the playground), phones must be switched off/ or placed on silent and stored in a bag, desk drawer, consealed pocket or covenient cupboard.
- Mobile phones must not be out on display during staff/pupil or staff/class contact times.
- Mobile phones may not be used to make calls, send messages, access the internet, or take photographs/videos during staff/pupil or staff/class contact times.

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Exceptions

Any exceptions to this policy (e.g., for medical reasons, additional support needs, safety plans or functions such as streaming music for learning/choirs) must be agreed in advance with the Headteacher or Depute Headteacher.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if necessary in response to changes in technology or school procedures.