

Rationale:

At Burrendah Primary School we understand that some parents or guardians may wish for their children to carry a mobile phone due to after school commitments, health issues or in case of an emergency. In order to ensure that mobile phones are used appropriately, users must adhere to the following policy.

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

Policy:

In the case of an emergency, Reception remains the point of contact and the most efficient way to contact your child.

Students will not have phones in their possession during school hours.

If students bring a mobile phone onto the school grounds during the school day, it must be switched off or placed on silent mode and handed to Reception before school then collected at the end of the school day.

Smart watches need to be on 'aeroplane mode' while the student is on school grounds.

Mobile phones will be secured at Reception and students can retrieve their phone at the conclusion of the school day.

If students do bring their mobile phones to school, it should be clearly marked with their name.

Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.

Use of electronic communication devices such as mobile phones or smart watches during out of school functions arranged by the school including excursions and camp will not be permitted.

Students who infringe on the policy will have their mobile phone confiscated. Parent/Guardians of the student may collect the phone at their convenience from Reception.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones while at school will be dealt with under the Student Behaviour Policy. This includes students using them to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.