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Mobile Phone Policy

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PURPOSE

NIA Lusail is a no mobile phone school. In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, students are not permitted to bring or use mobile phones on the school premises during the school day.

This policy establishes clear and consistent expectations regarding mobile phones and aims to:

- Maintain a safe, focused and respectful learning environment.
- Minimise disruption to teaching and learning.
- Support positive behaviour and responsible conduct.
- Protect the privacy, safety and wellbeing of students and staff.
- Ensure that expectations regarding mobile phones are understood and applied consistently across the school.

Any mobile phone seen, heard or used during the school day will be dealt with in accordance with this policy.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at NIA Lusail across all year groups and applies throughout the school day and while students are on the school premises.

The policy applies to mobile phones and other personal devices capable of mobile communication, including smartwatches where they are being used for communication or functions equivalent to those of a mobile phone.

Students are expected to comply with this policy at all times. Any exceptions required for an individual student on medical or other formally approved grounds must be authorised by the school in advance.

MOBILE PHONE EXPECTATIONS

NIA Lusail operates a no mobile phone policy. Students must not use, display or access a mobile phone at any time during the school day.

This includes:

- During registration, lessons and examinations.
- During break and lunchtime.
- During movement between lessons and other areas of the school.
- In corridors, toilets, changing areas and outdoor areas.
- During assemblies, school events and other activities taking place as part of the school day.
- For contacting parents or other persons during the school day.
- For taking photographs, making video or audio recordings, accessing social media, messaging, gaming or accessing online content.

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Where a student needs to contact a parent or carer during the school day, this must be arranged through the appropriate school office or Reception.

CONFISCATION OF MOBILE PHONES

Where a mobile phone is seen, heard or used during the school day, the student will be required to hand the device to a member of staff immediately.

- The device will be passed to the relevant pastoral leader for secure storage.
- The incident will be recorded in accordance with school procedures.
- Parents will be informed of the confiscation as soon as possible.
- A confiscated mobile phone will only be returned directly to the student's parent or carer, who must collect the device from the school.
- Mobile phones will not be returned directly to students following confiscation.
- The student is expected to cooperate immediately when instructed to hand over the device.
- Refusal to hand over a mobile phone when instructed will be treated as a separate behaviour concern and addressed in accordance with the relevant Behaviour Management Policy.

The school will ensure that confiscated devices are stored securely until collected by the student's parent or carer.

SERIOUS MISUSE OF MOBILE PHONES

Any misuse of a mobile phone that goes beyond possession or ordinary use will be treated as a more serious matter.

Serious misuse may include:

- Taking photographs, video or audio recordings of students or staff without permission.
- Using a mobile phone to bully, harass, threaten or intimidate another person.
- Sharing images, recordings, messages or other content that may cause harm or distress.
- Accessing, displaying or sharing inappropriate or prohibited content.
- Using a mobile phone in a manner that compromises the privacy, safety or wellbeing of another person.
- Using a mobile phone in connection with academic dishonesty or during an examination or assessment.

Where serious misuse occurs, the mobile phone will be confiscated, parents will be informed as soon as possible, and the matter will be addressed under the relevant Behaviour Management Policy. Where the incident raises an online safety or safeguarding concern, the school's Online Safety Policy or Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy will be followed.

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PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are responsible for complying with the school's no mobile phone expectations throughout the school day.

Students must:

- Always follow the requirements of this policy.
- Cooperate immediately with staff where a mobile phone is confiscated.
- Understand that failure to comply with the policy may result in further action under the relevant Behaviour Management Policy.

Parents are expected to:

- Support the school's no mobile phone policy and reinforce these expectations with their child.
- Avoid contacting their child directly by mobile phone during the school day.
- Contact the school through Reception or the appropriate school office where urgent communication with their child is required.
- Collect a confiscated mobile phone from the school when informed that their child has breached the policy.
- Work in partnership with the school where repeated or serious breaches occur.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

All staff are responsible for supporting the consistent implementation of this policy.

Staff will:

- Reinforce the school's no mobile phone expectations consistently.
- Challenge any student who is seen, heard or found using a mobile phone during the school day.
- Require the student to hand over the device immediately.
- Ensure that confiscated devices are passed promptly to the relevant pastoral leader for secure storage.
- Report repeated or serious breaches in accordance with school procedures.
- Refer any safeguarding or online safety concerns arising from mobile phone misuse through the appropriate school procedures.
- Not permit students to use personal mobile phones for educational purposes during lessons or other school activities.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOBILE PHONES

Students are responsible for any mobile phone brought onto the school premises.

- The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of mobile phones brought onto the school premises.
- Students and parents should understand that bringing a mobile phone onto the school premises is contrary to the school's non-mobile phone policy.
- Where a mobile phone is confiscated, the school will take reasonable steps to store the device securely until it is collected by the student's parent or carer.
- The school will not access or search the contents of a confiscated mobile phone unless this is necessary and permitted in accordance with applicable school procedures and safeguarding requirements.

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POLICY MONITORING AND REVIEW

The school will monitor the implementation of this policy to ensure that expectations are applied consistently and effectively.

The policy will be reviewed annually, or earlier where changes to Ministry of Education and Higher Education requirements, school procedures or identified needs make this necessary.

The effectiveness of the policy will be considered through reported incidents, patterns of repeated non-compliance and feedback from relevant staff.

Any amendments to the policy will be communicated to students, parents and staff as appropriate.