



The Use of Mobile Phone Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines the rules regarding the use of mobile phones in school to maintain a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment, in line with the expectations of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (Circular 4, March 2025).

1. Applicability

This policy applies to all students who attend Newton British School Muraikh

2. Policy Guidelines

2.1 Primary

- Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in school. If you wish to raise a concern regarding this, please speak directly with the Head of Primary.

2.2 Secondary

- Students are permitted to bring mobile phones to school, however;
 - Phones must be handed to form tutors every morning, to be returned at the end of the day.
 - If a student is late, they are to hand phone in to subject teacher in the room or Pastoral lead.
 - If a student is found with a mobile phone, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent at the end of the school day.
 - Any misuse, including taking photos/videos without consent, cyberbullying, or accessing inappropriate content, will result in serious disciplinary action, including suspensions.



3. Consequences for Policy Violations

- **First Offense:** Verbal warning and confiscation of the phone for the day.
- **Second Offense:** Phone confiscated and returned only to a parent at the end of the day.
- **Third Offense and more:** Further disciplinary action will be considered, including detentions and behaviour agreement contracts.

4. Special Considerations

- If a student requires a mobile phone for medical reasons or emergencies, parents must submit a written request to the school for approval.
- Teachers and staff have the authority to confiscate mobile phones if students do not comply with this policy.

5. Parent and Student Responsibility

- The school is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged mobile phones.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure their phone is kept secure and used appropriately.

6. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains aligned with Ministry of Education guidelines and school needs.

Date of next review: August 2026