

## **Mobile phones policy**

Mobile phones are a distraction in the learning environment and they are increasingly being misused in all areas of life. The purpose of this policy is to allow school to focus on learning without the negative effects of mobile telephones in classrooms.

Embassy International School asks for support from families in helping pupils develop a healthy relationship with the device that has potential for good, but currently provides a problem more frequently than a benefit.

In Early Years and Primary school mobile phones are banned from being on the child's person during school hours. This includes all situations, including break times.

For years 7,8,9,10 and 11, if a child brings a mobile phone to school they must turn it off and deposit it in a box during morning tutor time, which will be placed in the Director of Education's office for the day.

Pupils will be able to collect their devices when they are to go home.

All calls between children and families should be facilitated through the school office telephone.

Years 12 and 13 can have their telephones. It is expected and required that they will use them sensibly and appropriately.

There may be certain circumstances where teachers request that telephones are used in class as part of the learning process. In these cases the teacher will say they are needed and the required devices will be collected by a responsible member of the class.

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