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## **EIS Internal rules for use of mobile phones by the students**

Mobile phones can be a great tool for getting information and communicating with others, but in school we must balance their benefits against the negative effects they can have on student learning. Thus, we will introduce the follows to ensure that students are able to focus on their learning within classrooms and while in the school more generally.

### **Grade 1 to 4:**

1. No cell phones are to be used.
2. We suggest that students do not bring them to school.
3. No use of phones above the stairs.
4. If a parent wants their child to have a phone to call them at the end of the day, then:
  - Such phones should be kept out of sight and in a student bag.
  - Parents take responsibility for the loss of such devices.
  - At the end of the day, they can call a parent if necessary, at the end of the day in the Foyer (next to the hall).

### **Grade 5 to 9:**

1. No cell phones to be used during class unless teacher makes a specific request.
2. Students can use phone between Period 4 and 5 (i.e. during the lunch break) in Homeroom classroom only.
3. Thus, no phones to be in corridors, landings, library etc.
4. If phones are seen, then they may be taken and placed in general office until end of the day. Parents will be informed of this.

### **Notes:**

- This policy is intended to minimize distraction and improve levels of English.
- We ask older students, parents and staff to be role models for this policy, and to help support the changes for the benefit of student learning.

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