



Blackness Mobile Device Policy (DRAFT)



All Dundee City Council schools work to citywide and Scottish Government guidelines on the misuse of mobile devices in schools.

(The term “mobile devices” refers to smartphones, tablets and smart watches, capable of connecting to the internet and taking photographs or videos.)

- We acknowledge that mobile devices are a regular part of life for learners and adults and can provide a valuable tool for learning, as well as helping children be safe when travelling to and from school on their own. Many future workplaces are dependent on the use of mobile devices.
- A large body of research evidence now shows that the misuse of mobile phones during class time can have a negative effect on learning and teaching.
- If brought into school, mobile devices must be switched off and out of sight from 9.00am until 3.15pm.
- Personal mobile devices brought into the school by learners are entirely at the risk of the owner and the decision to bring the device into the school lies with the user (and their parents/carers), as does the liability for any loss or damage resulting from the use of the device in school or on activities organised or undertaken by the school.
- Our staff will not take responsibility for the security of phones that are brought into school.
- We will not tolerate any form of bullying by the use of videoing by a phone or by text messaging.
- Where it is suspected that a crime has been committed by the use of a phone Police Scotland will be contacted.

Particular attention will be given to enforcing the guidelines in areas like toilets and playgrounds. Any misuse in these areas will be considered a particular

serious breach. Breaches of the guidelines may lead to the confiscation of equipment, communication with parents and sanctions including exclusion.

Parents/carers are asked to support the guidelines by ensuring that their child does not send or receive calls/texts during class time. Any confiscated equipment will normally be returned at the end of the school day. In certain cases, involving repeated misuse, parents may be requested to come to school to collect the phone.