



## Mobile Phone & Smart Watch Policy

At Woodlands Primary School, we adhere to the WA Department of Education's Off and Away All Day policy for all Kindergarten to Year 6 students. Mobile phones and smart watches must not be used or kept in students' possession during school hours. Devices are to be switched off or securely stored and may only be used with prior approval for health or educational purposes. Parents and carers are reminded to contact students via the school office during school hours.



Students are not permitted to have mobile phones with them during the school day. This helps prevent exposure to inappropriate content, avoids distractions from learning, and reduces the risk of social issues like exclusion or cyberbullying. Our policy supports a safe, focused, and inclusive learning environment for all students.

## Policy Statement

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless required for a medical reason or as directed by a teacher for educational purposes. It is important to note that students are not required to bring mobile phones to school. We acknowledge that some parents and carers may wish to provide their child with a mobile phone for safety, security, or emergency reasons. This policy outlines the conditions under which mobile phones and smart watches are permitted at Woodlands Primary School.

## Conditions of Use

The use of mobile phones by students is strictly prohibited from the time they arrive at school until the end of the school day. This includes before school, during class time, and at break times. Students must switch off their mobile phones and hand them in at the administration office before the start of the school day. Phones will be securely stored and can be collected at the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to keep mobile phones in their possession during the school day. Smart watches must be set to 'aeroplane mode' during school hours so that calls and messages cannot be sent or received. During school hours, all communication between parents and students must go through the school's administration office.

## Exemptions

Exemptions apply when a mobile phone is required to manage diabetes, as outlined in a school-approved Health Care Plan.

## Breaches of the Policy

If a student does not comply with this policy, their mobile phone, smart watch or device, will be confiscated and stored in the administration office. The device will need to be collected by a parent or carer.

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