

Mobile Phone Policy



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BANGALORE (TISB)
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The aim of the Mobile Phone Policy is to allow users to benefit from modern communication technologies, whilst promoting safe and appropriate practice through establishing clear and robust acceptable mobile user guidelines. This is achieved through balancing protection against potential misuse with the recognition that mobile phones are effective communication tools. It is recognised that it is the enhanced functions of many mobile phones that cause the most concern, offering distractions and disruption, and which are most susceptible to misuse – including the taking and distribution of indecent images, exploitation and bullying. Though the Policy has been designed primarily for students, it includes all members of the school community that is, both staff and parents, as equal stakeholders, for it be to effective.

GUIDELINES FOR MOBILE PHONE USAGE:

YEAR BOARDERS:

- Year Boarders who wish to bring their mobile phones to school may do so if they wish, but there are some rules and reminders, which must be observed.
- Mobile Phones may be used during specific timings (mentioned below) in and around the Boarding house but must be handed over to the respective house parent for safe keeping.
- Mobile Phones are not allowed to be taken into school during the day.
- Mobile phones can however be carried during Mall trips.
- Mobile phones are not compulsory, and parents have the right to decide if they want their child to possess one or not.
- The school will accept no responsibility for loss or damage of mobile phones.
- There will be sanctions for misuse.

TIMINGS OF MOBILE PHONE USE FOR BOARDERS:

Weekdays: 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm & 7.40 pm to 8.10 pm

Weekends – Saturdays and Sundays:

- Grade 9 and below students – 8.30 to 10.00am & 4.00 pm to 5.45pm
- Grade 10 – 12 students – 9.00 am to 9.30 pm

DAY BOARDERS:

- Day Boarding students are allowed the use of a mobile phone only during travel to and from school in order to contact and update parents on traffic conditions.
- Mobile phones are banned from use during the school day from 7:45 to 3:10pm for all students. If a student wishes to make contact with parents, or vice versa, during the school day, it should always be through the school reception.

- Day Boarding students are not allowed to take mobile phones out of their bags and are expected to have it turned off during the day.
- There will be sanctions for misuse.

MISUSE OF MOBILE PHONES:

- If students are found with mobile phones in school, the phone will be confiscated for a period of time.
- Students are permitted to carry their mobile phones during sports trips and field trips organised by the school after seeking necessary approvals from the concerned teachers.
- If students are found submitting one mobile phone and keeping a spare one with them, both phones will be confiscated for a period of time(to be decided on a case-to-case basis).
- Students who use mobile phones to bully or intimidate others will face serious consequences which may include suspension or expulsion from school.
- If inappropriate images are found and/or circulated, the phones will be confiscated until a thorough investigation has taken place, following which appropriate sanctions will be handed down.

STAFF:

- Staff must not use their mobile phones during lessons.
- Staff are not permitted to carry their mobile phones in examination areas; this will include both internal and external examination sessions.
- The cordless land line phone in the exam control room is to be used to contact Reception during an emergency.

Being an educational institution, TISB will continue to strive towards holistic development of the child, thus encouraging participation in co-curricular/extra-curricular and outdoor activities, with minimum screen-time (TV/Internet/Mobile phones) considering the rising number of disturbing cases due to the negative effects of technology. Finding the right balance is essential, and in case of any doubt, to err on the side of lesser exposure to screen-time would be safer than the other.