

## MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

### PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Norris Bank Primary School policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones and other wearable devices such as Smart watches etc during school hours.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Norris Bank P.S and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones wearable devices such as smart watches brought onto school premises.

### DEFINITIONS

**A mobile phone and any wearable Smartwatch device** that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches is a telephone/device with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

### POLICY

Norris Bank Primary School understands that students may need to bring a personal mobile phone or wearable Smartwatch to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Norris Bank Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones or wearable Smart watches to school must have them switched off and handed into the office at the beginning of the school day and will remain there during school hours
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

## **Personal mobile phone use**

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Norris Bank Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess.

## **Secure storage**

Mobile phones and wearable Smartwatches owned by students at Norris Bank Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Norris Bank Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items.

Where students bring a mobile phone or wearable Smartwatches to school, Norris Bank Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Norris Bank Primary School students are required to hand their phone/wearable Smartwatches into the school office at the start of the school day as soon as they arrive at school, where they will be stored in a secure lockable drawer and will be collected at the end of the school day.

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Norris Bank Primary School Example school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies.

## **RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

- [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#)
- [Weapons — Banning, Searching and Seizing Harmful Items](#)
- [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy](#)