

St. Andrew's N.S.

Mobile Phones Policy

We acknowledge concerns regarding health and safety risks posed by the use of mobile phones. While a case can be made for a total ban on same, we also wish to acknowledge that some parents have bought mobile phones for their children to enable them to keep contact with them in the event of an emergency. The school, therefore, wishes to advise that the following is our current policy on students carrying and using mobile phones during school time.

St Andrew's National School does not allow the use of mobile phones during school time. Pupils need **written permission** from their parents/guardians to allow them to bring a phone to school. This permission is to be given to the class Teacher.

The phone must be turned off on entering the school grounds. If phone is required for safety reasons coming to/from school, it must be kept in school turned off. Phones may be switched back on outside school gate.

Parents who wish to contact their child during the school day should contact the school office and the message will be communicated to the pupil at the earliest convenience. Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones on the school grounds for any purposes, this includes text messaging, recording conversations or taking photographs.

St Andrew's N.S reserves the right to confiscate any phone being used for any of the above purposes during school time. In the event of a phone being confiscated, the child will be required to collect their phone from the Principal. If this occurs regularly, parents will be contacted.

Mobile phones brought to school are done so at owner's risk, St Andrew's N.S will not be responsible for mobile phones while on the school premises.

School Trips: Pupils may not bring mobile phones on school tours/trips.

Rev J. Scott Peoples, Chairperson of the Board of Management.

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