



DUBAI GEM PRIVATE SCHOOL

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

CELL PHONE



POLICY

Mobile Phone Policy

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Dubai Gem Private School accepts that practices around the use of mobile devices are changing and in response to this, allows students to have mobile phones in school predominantly for emergency purposes.

It is expected that with the new BYOD policy, a student wishing to access the internet in class should use their device and not their phone.

Mobile phones can be used, for example, if they miss the school bus or their 'lift' home or if fixtures/commitments change during the school day, to alert a parent of the situation. Using a mobile phone in this manner is entirely appropriate.

In allowing students to bring mobile phones to school, Dubai Gem emphasises that it accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to phones whilst they are on the school premises.

During lessons, morning break, lunchtime and tutor time, mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight to prevent them from becoming a distraction. There have been instances of students' messaging during lessons and parents calling their child on the mobile/ zooming during or in between lessons, which is not acceptable.

Students must seek permission from their teachers before the phones are used in class for educational purposes only and must be turned off again at the end of the lesson. Mobile phones may be used prior to the start of the school day and after normal school hours have finished.

If parents wish to pass on an urgent message during school hours, they should contact the school office/reception. Similarly, students who have a genuine need to contact their parents whilst they are on school premises may use the telephone in the school reception.

Mobile phones should not be used as recreational, social or fashion item! Staff will model this behaviour themselves and make expectations clear

during form periods, lessons, directed study time, assemblies and the Moral Education lessons.

Mobile phones must not be charged at school.

If a student's mobile phone causes any disturbance whatsoever during the school day, it will be confiscated by the teacher and handed over to the SLT for safekeeping till the end of the day.

If a student repeatedly ignores the school's policy with regard to the mobile phone use, he/she may have the phone confiscated for a longer period and ultimately may lose the privilege of having a mobile phone in school at all.

In directed lessons students may use headphones to watch videos/complete online exercises in support of their learning. These headphones should be attached to a device and not to a phone.

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